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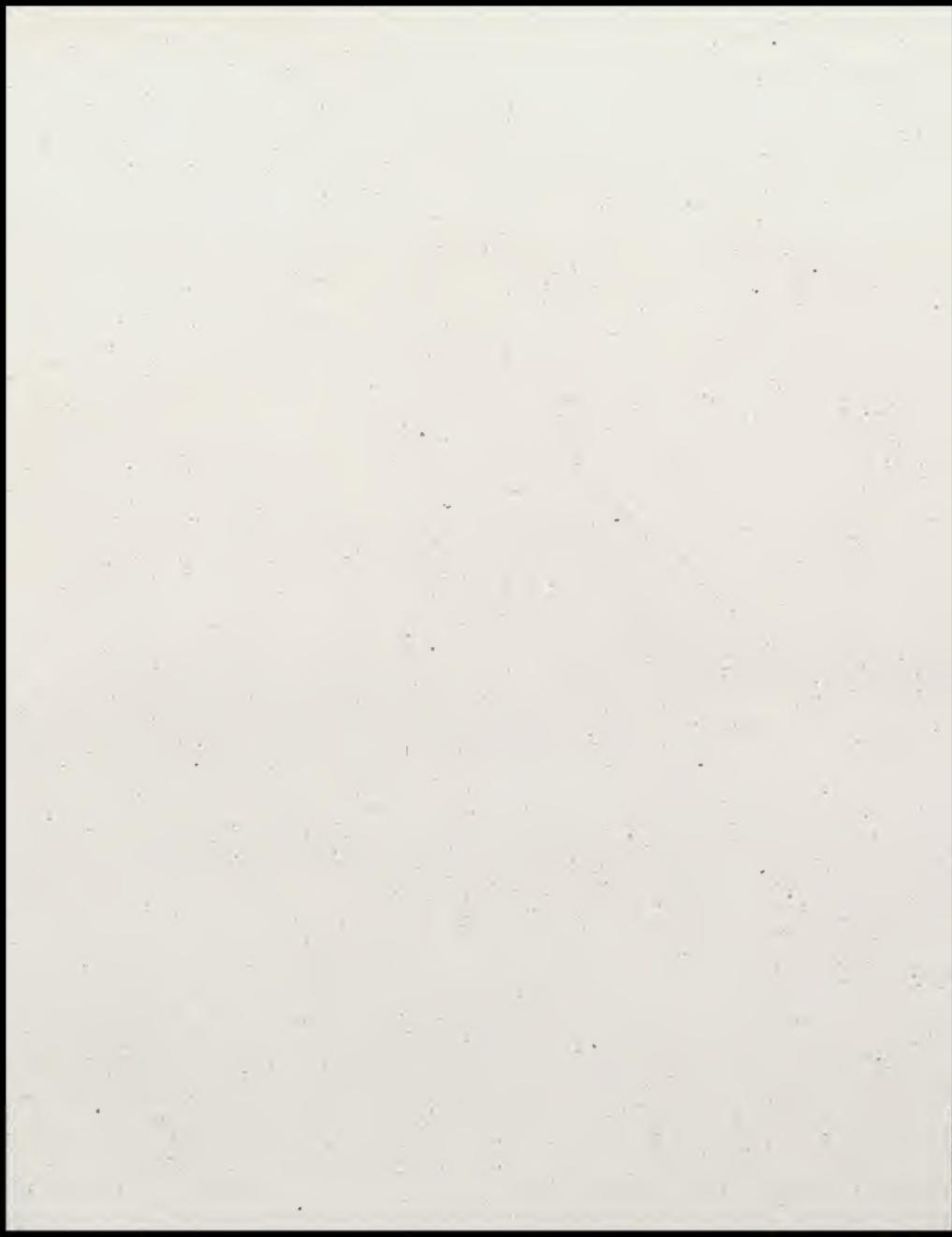


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You can almost feel the power as seniors Bill Bisset and Justin Titak watch their class grab the gold in the Spirit Games. "This is the end," Bill noted, "the road we took to get us here took 12 years to pave. Now the end is in sight. I can't believe it's almost over."

Crusin' (Left) The Crusin' crew has been working hard to make sure that students can get to school safely during the winter months. This year, they have added a new element to their repertoire: snowshoeing. They will be providing a service to students who want to go snowshoeing in the snow-covered areas around the school. They will also be providing a service to students who want to go snowshoeing in the snow-covered areas around the school.



"OH, ISN'T THIS GREAT?" you overheard as the power went dead for mere seconds on the first day of school from an electrical storm. It was bad enough that students were held past the 2:40 p.m. dismissal time to ensure their safety.

"I have a Blazer. I would have enjoyed driving in this weather, but I guess the school did what it had to," junior Ryan Longfellow chuckled. "I mean, I'll get

more chances when it snows in December." He did have more chances when a blizzard hit just after New Years, cancelling classes for two days.

Even with the bad weather, we stayed plugged in to have a good time.

"I had my trusty computer to keep me going through the semi-blizzard. I made the best of it," sophomore Chris Reh said.

Afterall, staying connected was a natural phenomenon.



Sparked by her school spirit while staying grounded in a tough geography assignment, junior Tammie Vassar takes part in, *Come As You Are Day*. "I dressed up as an excuse for people to see the cute stuff that I normally don't get to wear to school," Vassar confided.

plugged in

In a small world and
in an even smaller
community, it was only
natural for people to stay
in touch and be connected
whether or not they wanted
to be plugged in

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Silhouetted by the reflective lake, senior Michelle York energizes her thoughts prior to a major cross country invitational. She powered her way to fourteenth place at the Culver Academy meet in a time of 16:21.

and fired up

THERE WERE SO MANY WAYS to plug in.

By dressing up for Mr. Greg Whitacre's infamous "Western Day" to showing respect to a fallen classmate at the Spirit Games. Or maybe it was by destroying an opponent in the heat of battle on the wrestling mat.

There was no question that Spirit Games provided the perfect time to plug in. Dressing up to a certain theme each day provided many opportunities to connect, though many took advantage of chances throughout the year.

For wrestlers could it have been those 3, 4, 5, or 6 team points needed to help win a meet? Was it the fact that one could rip their opponent in two, legally (within reason that is), pleasantly bringing a victory for the team while plugging in?

As mentioned, Western Day provided one day a year where students plugged into the Old West. Students networked to learn more about the so-called "Wild West," the lifestyles, the myths, lore, dancing, and music. Students plugged into these lessons and others with multimedia projects and Internet research.

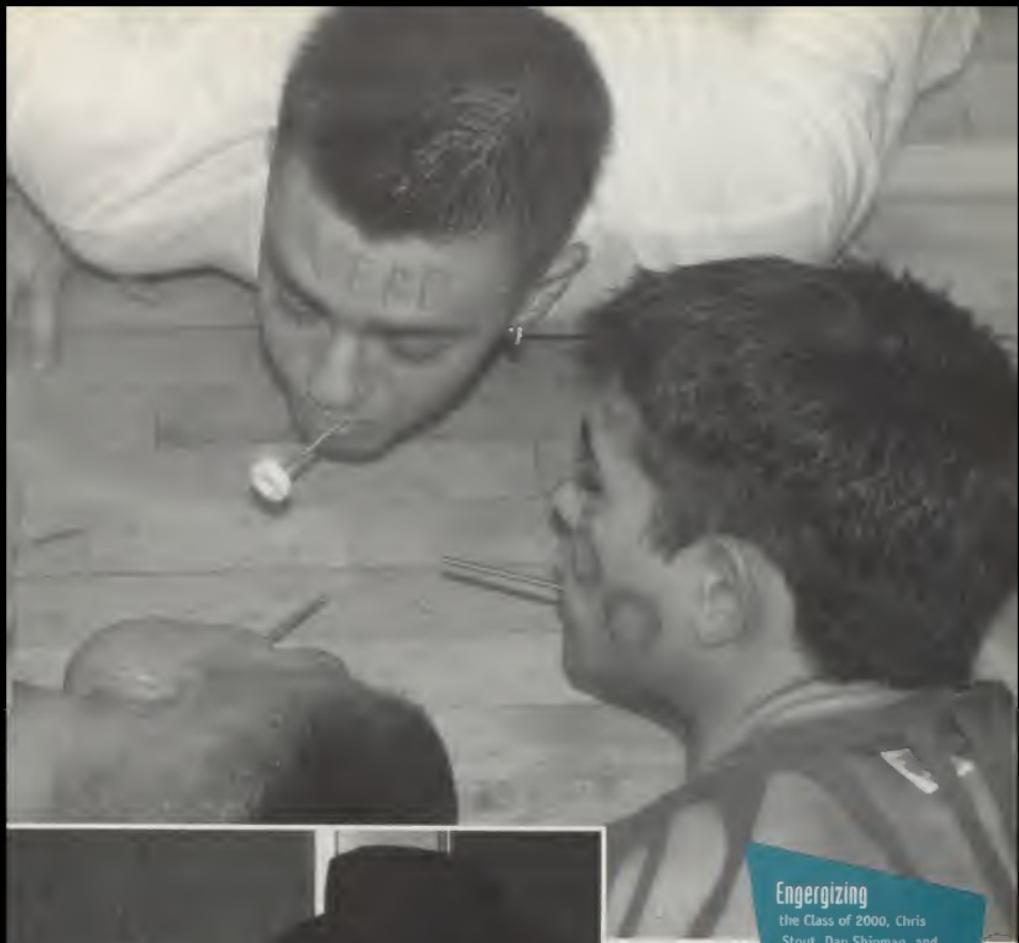
So many uncountable experiences could make a connection, but it was up to each of us to choose. Once plugged in, it was a feeling to cherish forever. All in all, plugging in gave us identity. Plugging in gave us strength. Best of all, plugging in gave us life.

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Overpowering

his opponent, junior Adam Kowalczyk goes for the win. Kowalczyk eventually pinned his rival with only 12 seconds left in the entire match.





Historically connected, juniors Nick Moniak and Ryan Longfellow converse between the Western Day songs in Mr. Greg Whitacre's U.S. History class. Those who dressed in period costume earned extra credit.

Engaging

The Class of 2000, Chris Stout, Dan Shipman, and Scott Klein try to revive the juniors' chance of winning the Lifesaver® game. At the Spirit Games, the class took the liberty of showing respect for junior Josh Veribush because he was not in school due to a medical problem.



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Like sticking a fork in an electric outlet, daily life and special events created more sparks than fireworks on the Fourth of July

Blame it raging hormones or just a need to belong. A never-ending search for identity and influence took so much energy. Whether it was a power play to fit in with the "connected" crowd or the sheer intensity of merely trying to be a player, the daily struggle demanded high voltage. Linking to the "right" crowd, whatever that was, got us plugged in to the first connection we made each day.

"I feel that being in the 'in' crowd is totally unnecessary. There's no 'right' people to hang with; it's only the people who you feel are the right ones to be with," junior Scott Johnivan stated.

Every where you went, there was someone who believed that the only way to make it was to be with the right people and have the right connections.

"If it's important for the kid to be with the most popular people to make his life best, then that's his decision. I, myself, don't really care as long as they (friends) are trustful," senior Mike Urena commented.

A hallway full of adolescents and their need to travel an acceptable path, sometimes together and sometimes alone, took on a life of its own. Even if you couldn't describe it any other way, you most certainly could say the atmosphere was high-voltage.

Unleashing a surge of raw energy, Shannon McLaughlin and Amber Westerhoff take part in Spirit Games from the stands. The sophomores were led in cheering by student teacher Steven Gustas. Gustas was under high demand by the other classes, but the Class of '01 asked him first.



With a jolt of electricity, senior Jeremiah Johnson shows off his strength on the sidelines, or in a manner of speaking, the power of the Class of 1999. To their relief, the class won the hard-fought Spirit Games after two years of bitter losses.



Charging for an empty chair, Spirit Games participants come to a screeching halt when Student Council organizers stop the music. There were no butts about it, though, when Anthony Burke (center, in red bandana) eventually claimed victory for the seniors.

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Finding love and not looking in "all the wrong places" wasn't too hard for some people who claim to have found . . .

True love

FOUR YEARS OF OUR LIVES WERE spent in high school. The odds of finding true love were almost as good as getting struck by lightning, especially in a small school like Hanover. It was like finding a needle in a haystack. However, the odds didn't deter many students. Love was everywhere.

What did students look for in a love interest? "I care a lot about my boyfriend, and I love spending time with him. He makes me happy, and that's basically what I want," said senior Dana Freeman.

Others liked just having someone there to confide in. "I enjoy having a certain someone there to talk to,



CUDDLING UP WITH HER BOYFRIEND, SENIOR
Bob Risteski from Crown Point, junior Tiffany Sheehy celebrates a special occasion. "It is nice to have a boyfriend to spend your birthday with," Sheehy commented on being in a relationship.

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and being able to tell them anything I want," senior James Crist admitted. At the same time, character quality was just as important.

"I want him to love and trust me, and I want to be able to trust him just the same," senior Samantha Samuels said.

Did age matter? Some students didn't think so. "Age has nothing to do with a relationship. In a relationship, maturity and attitude matter more. In some cases there are younger or older people that suit your personality better than those your age," Freeman commented.

"It matters," junior Amanda Amundson countered. "I couldn't see myself with a guy over 18 or 19. They'd be too old for me."

What about friends? Did you leave them behind, or make them a higher priority?

"I hope I don't leave my friends behind," senior Jeff Peterson said. "My girlfriend knows that my friends come first. I am still a teenager and don't really need a serious relationship, especially with finishing high school and college on my hands. My life and my friends always come first."

Amundson concluded, "I hate it when people forget about their friends and get too wrapped up in their boyfriend or girlfriend."



GAZING OUT THE WINDOW, JUNIOR ANGELICA
Hendzel and her boyfriend, senior Rob Wiarda, share a seat on a Chicago trolley car. "I love Rob. He's the greatest guy in the world," Hendzel said. "I couldn't ask for a better boyfriend."

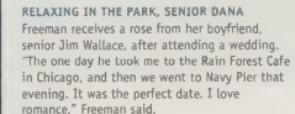




LEANING BACK, SOPHOMORE STEPHANIE
Rodell and junior Jason Fair take a break during class. When asked what he thought about having a relationship Fair said, "Having a girlfriend means having someone there for you, and being there for them when they need you."



SUPPORTING THE WRESTLING TEAM, JUNIOR
Adam Kowalczyk and sophomore Jill Gorni cheer on one of Kowalczyk's teammates in a match for third place at the sectional. "It's nice to have the support of my girlfriend behind me when I'm wrestling," Kowalczyk commented when talking about the up-side of being in a relationship.



RELAXING IN THE PARK, SENIOR DANA
Freeman receives a rose from her boyfriend, senior Jim Wallace, after attending a wedding. "The one day he took me to the Rain Forest Cafe in Chicago, and then we went to Navy Pier that evening. It was the perfect date. I love romance," Freeman said.

Kids will be kids, so when it comes to school spirit, students and teachers don't always see . . .

Eye to eye

NINETY-NINE, NINETY-NINE, NINETY-nine," the seniors cried out as they realized they had once again dominated the underclassmen in the annual Homecoming Week Spirit Games. "We completely crushed the competition," senior Anthony Burke said. "We actually won the Spirit Games last year, too, but the seniors cheated, so this was like venting out frustrations on the youngsters at play . . . I mean the underclass kids."



IN SYNC, FRESHMEN ADRIENNE SHROKA AND

Danielle Huffnagle finish their leg of the Three-Leg Relay race without a hitch. The freshmen ended up with third place in the Spirit Games, and even scored some uncommon victories over the sophomore class, one of them being the Tug-of-War.

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Spirit Week meant days of being rowdy and 'bout it, but the teachers thought otherwise. "The concept is nice, however, too many students interpret spirit as a loud, boisterous, obnoxious activity," math teacher Barbara Williams explained. "This display causes the adults to view Spirit Week as five days of disruption."

With each day bringing a variety of dressing styles, ranging from "Come As You Are Day" to "Dress Up Day," spirit ran wild. "I like Spirit Week because you get to dress up differently each day," senior Chad Edwards said, "but the best is the things the girls wear!"

"The Spirit Games are so cool that I wish we could play them every month. I wish every month we had a Spirit Week so we can see what we look like and be good about wearing cool clothes," Brad Buikema added.

As the week came to an end and the students realized that they would have to go back to the traditional dress code many asked, "why does Spirit Week have to end?"

In the end though, even after the seniors laid the smack down and won, the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors continued to talk trash.

"They might have won on the court," sophomore Chris Huseman laughed, "but I'm a firm believer in the old saying, 'Victory comes in the parking lot after the lights go out,' if ya know what I mean."



ATTACKING EACH OTHER, SOPHOMORE JENNI Watt and senior Nick Seymour both miss the other's balloon. The seniors eventually won the event after the boundaries of the stomping field were shrunk to allow less room for escape.





SHOVING SENIOR JEREMIAH JOHNSON OUT OF
the chair, sophomore Brandon Douglas earned
his seat in the Musical Chairs event. Johnson
argued for awhile that it was unfair that he lost
his seat, but eventually took the defeat after
the music started up again.



MOVING DOWN THE LINE, JUNIORS JESSICA
Pralle and Crystal LaTulip set-up their straws in
an attempt to keep the Lifesaver from falling to
the ground. They were successful, although
down the line the candy did come in contact
with the floor. The juniors were the only class to
finish the event.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE VICTORY OVER THE
freshmen, seniors Christy Koby, Dana Freeman,
Michelle York, and Tina Bolger barely sweat the
first round competition. The freshmen went on
to defeat the sophomores for third place, while
the seniors ended up with the overall victory at
the end of the event.

CLOWNING AROUND, SENIORS CHRISTY KOBY and Dana Freeman take time away from their dates. "I had to change like four or five times from my dress to my different pom outfits and back, but luckily my hair stayed up throughout the routines and I still looked good," Freeman commented because, like her cohort Koby always said, "Like we aren't the cutest girls."



PRETENDING TO BE A PRINCESS, SENIOR DANA Freeman spends the evening with her boyfriend, senior Jim Wallace. "The dance was a nice break from my extremely hectic week. I got to dance with my prince before he turned back into a frog," Freeman joked.

READY FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, SENIOR Tracy Spender keeps her camera in hand while dancing with senior homecoming court representative Kyle Dill. "We had a great time at the dance. Afterwards, we went to T.G.I. Fridays. It was a night I'll never forget," Spender noted on her last homecoming.



Whether staying out late or coming home early, when it came to Homecoming, students made sure

They didn't miss a thing

HOMECOMING KING JAMES CRIST AND queen Michelle York danced the night away and partied, well, like it was 1999 with their classmates under the purple, white, and silver decorations that colored the back gym. Aerosmith's hit song "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" set the theme for the evening's festivities.

The magic didn't end at midnight when the dance concluded. Most couples headed for T.G.I. Friday's or Bennigans to grab a bite to eat, but with a basketball game played before the three hours of nonstop dancing, some decided to call it a night.



TURNING IN EARLY DIDN'T RUIN THE NIGHT for junior John Schutema and his girlfriend, Jessica Welch of Merrittville. "I had fun, but we didn't go out afterwards because I had a wrestling meet the next day. I didn't like wasting part of my night in line to take a picture, though."

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"After dancing all night, I didn't feel like doing anything else. So, the night after the dance, I celebrated with all my friends, and even a few people I didn't know," senior Anthony Burke said.

The artist formerly known as Prince's "Party Like It's 1999" brought the seniors together in a circle of friendship to cap off their last homecoming dance and to remember all the times, good and bad, they shared.

"I will never forget the way all the seniors gathered together when 'Party Like It's 1999' came on. It was like no matter what clique you were in; the only one that mattered was the senior clique," senior Michelle York said.

Whether it was their first homecoming or their last, the dance gave them something to remember.

"I will remember everything about it. It was my first homecoming and I will never forget the fun I had," freshman Bryan Brightwell said.

"The 'Top Gun' song and Prince's '1999' will always remind me about homecoming, and I will never forget how bad all the diet pop was," senior Justin Titak concluded.



CHATTING AWAY SENIOR PAM PETERSON AND junior Ryan Niemeyer enjoy the evening together. "It was extremely hot in there, if you know what I mean," Niemeyer joked.



SOAKING UP SOME RAYS AT THE BEACH, seniors Christy Bilinski and Dana Freeman, sophomore Megan Vassar, and Hanover graduate Kristy Follmar all love to model their bikinis for the camera. Bilinski remarked, "We didn't go to the beach often, but we went plenty of times. One day we brought a watermelon and Kyle Dill ate half of it by himself."

FINDING OUT JUST HOW GREAT SISTERLY LOVE is, sisters sophomore Megan Vassar and junior Tammye Vassar indulge themselves in a hot fudge sundae. "The guys and the ice cream are better in South Carolina," commented Tammye on her family's annual vacation.



No one can wait for summer to come, but once it gets here it seems as if all you are doing is . . .

Waiting it out

SWEAT BEADED UP AND DRIPPED down your sun-ripened body. You were faintly aware of your surroundings, but aware just the same. "Hey I can't believe you're here too!" a familiar voice cried out from down the beach. You looked up to see some classmates running towards you almost as if they hadn't seen you in years. Then in the midst of responding you just shut up and remember that around here there were not a lot of options as far as summer hangouts and activities go.

"I went to some open gym's but mostly I'd chill at 'Phat Mike' Ambroziak's house," junior Steve Rizo said. "You know that we would just eat potato chips,



TAKING A REST, JUNIOR JACKIE ANDREWS

(middle) sits down with a few of her friends from other schools. "We go swing dancing at least once a week during the summer. We even taught a swing class during the fall," she said.

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drink some pops, and chill to the sweet harmonies of 'Pink Floyd.' Boy, does he have good beats."

Sophomore Brian Bugajski ventured to "movie theaters, the beach, and Six Flags with my friends a couple of times, but nothing much. My friends and I went to a lot of movies, and then, before we knew it, it was time to go back to school."

Summer wasn't all fun and games for every student though, there was work to be done and money to be made. "I had to to break my back every day for my dad," senior James Crist said. "He runs an asphalt business. The money was great, but the work was just no fun. When I wasn't working, though, I was chillin' with my boys and going to the beach."

Summers always had the most potential for fun but they never seemed to live up to their hype. So, by the end you heard, "I can't believe I'm saying this, but I can't wait for school to start."

COMING IN FROM THE RAIN, JUNIOR NICK

Kowalczyk stops in the Bullet Hole, a commons area at Gettysburg College, with Melissa Moore, a student in Pennsylvania, during his time at The Gettysburg Yearbook Experience. "It was the third day I was there, and me and a friend, Jason Jackson, were on our way to dinner. But we never made it to the dinner hall, (since we were) stopped every five seconds to be asked in a picture. I think we had a total of 200 pictures taken of us," Kowalczyk boasted.



Everyone has a different sense of style whether serious or fun, afterall, it's just . . .

Dressing up

WHEN YOU WERE FIVE YEARS OLD IT didn't matter what you wore, you looked cute in anything. What about now? Could you wear something without having to worry about people misjudging you? "I am strongly, fully, firmly, totally, extremely, really, painfully, super against



ROOTING FOR THE HOME TEAM, HANOVER GRAD

Kristy Follmar and senior Christy Blinski show their spirit through style. Blinski explained, "The way we dress (at) games usually shows our support for our teams."

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judging people by the way they dress," senior Jeff Kaltunas explained.

Others thought clothes mattered a little more. "I always judge people by the way they dress," senior Lisa Wythe noted. "It shows their personality and also what mood they are in for the day."

With everyone expressing themselves through clothes, dress codes have silenced outrageous outfits and unacceptable apparel. Were the dress codes fair?

"There shouldn't be limits on what students can wear. Kids express themselves through their clothes and if that is taken away, some may rather rot in a ditch," senior Tim Board said.

If there weren't dress codes would students dress any different? "It wouldn't be any different, because I wear what I like now, and that wouldn't change even if we didn't have dress codes," junior Jeff Kienzle said.

Were students wearing what they liked, or were they wearing what their friends liked? "I like the way I dress. It's how I cope with life, break down the norm, and deal with boredom," senior Jeremiah Johnson stated.

Classmate James Crist had other reasons for the way he dressed. "The way I dress says that I'm a soldier, no-limit finest, ears full of gold and diamonds," Crist concluded, "and it shows unity with my friends."



HULA DANCING THEIR WAY IN FRONT OF A camera, seniors Emily Gentry and Pam Peterson relax after the All-American cheerleading competition in Hawaii. That is where they came up with their little diddy. "Just hang loose. Just have fun. Sippin' on a drink. Lying in the sun. Don't try to fight it. There ain't no use. 'Cause when you're in Hawaii, you should just hang loose."

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TAKING A STROLL, SENIORS JASON RADUENZ and Jeff Kaltunas show off their idea of style. Kaltunas sang, "I'm too sexy for my shirt . . . I'm too sexy for my short(s) . . . too sexy it hurts."



PONDERING OVER THE CHOICE OF A TIE, junior Tony Kretz tries to locate one that will match his girlfriend's Homecoming dress. Kretz commented, "Clothes shopping is so crazy. I looked at so many ties, and the bad thing was, that none of them looked good."

GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL DAY TO start, hardcore Beatles fans juniors Diana Swift and Kristen Swiderski sport a fraction of their Beatles memorabilia. Swift confessed, "Kristen used to hate the Beatles, but I made her listen to them so much (that) she likes them too."

Each generation has its own style of dancing. And from swing to disco to grinding, over the years it didn't always fly with adults

Grinded down

GRINDING IS OUR GENERATION'S style of dancing and they're trying to take it away from us," Alan Myszkowski complained. "It (dancing) changes with each generation; the no grinding rule flat out sucks and ruins majority of the kids' time."

Principal Joseph Fetty, after watching the "nasty" antics of some dancers, two in particular, decided to prohibit the style of dancing.



THIS IS NO ELECTRIC SLIDE AS SENIOR OMAR Sanchez shows junior Josh Verbish all the right moves. Omar went on to show all the students how to get their groove on.

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"It looks very obscene," Mr. Fetty said. "I am responsible for what is permitted during the school day and during after school activities."

Even after grinding was stopped the dances still found a way to proceed. "Sure, after the grinding was stopped, the dances lost some of their enjoyment," senior Omar Sanchez said. "On the other hand, you still get to chill with your friends. I'll miss grinding, but then again who won't . . . other than Mr. Fetty."

Freshman Danielle Huffnagle said, "My favorite dance of the whole year was the one Dan Shipman did jayed. There was like 250 kids there. It was complete mayhem, everyone was grinding. There were these two boys, I don't know who they were, but they were surrounded by like 10 girls at once."

As 10:00 p.m. rolled around and the music stopped, the kids were moved out of the school and told to go home, but home wasn't necessarily the choice destination.

"Well, generally, after the dances end me and a whole bunch of my friends go up to Schoop's for some tasty burgers," junior and disc jockey Dan Shipman said. "We're allowed to get loud there and sing along with some of our personal favorites such as the Temptations. We even grind in there. So I guess they can stop it at school, but not at Schoop's. So in the end we get the last laugh."



PURE ELECTRIC WAS WHAT THIS WAS AS senior Michelle York sings to sophomore Megan Vassar. The two sang many other heart-felt duets that night to liven-up the evening.



THE "WALLFLOWERS" OF THE DANCE,
freshmen Julie Moniak, Adrienne Shroka, Beth
Wendlinger, and Bridget Castner learn what
high school dances are all about at the Back to
School Dance in September.

PROVING THAT HANOVER DANCES ARE TOO
hot to be contained, senior Michelle York and
others moved the dance outside to cool things
down on a hot September night. "What a way
to kick our senior year off," replied Michelle on
the dance.



IN MIDST OF A MAGICAL MOMENT FOR YOUNG
Sara Csikos, Junior Scott Klein found time to
lighten things up with a little comedy. The two
went on to enjoy many more enchanting dances
that evening.



RIDING HER HIGH HORSE, SOPHOMORE JENNY
Bohling giddy-ups after yet another softball victory. Bohling just took up riding the little horses again, but washing the cows on the family farm with her older sisters consistently consumes much of her time.



SINGING TO HIS PRETEND WIFE, SENIOR
Dave Csuk tells sophomore Brienne Sheehy that he has the cow in the production, *Into the Woods*. The two had to collect certain items and give them to the witch so that they could have a baby in the play.

SHOWING OFF HIS MUSICAL TALENT, JUNIOR
Ryan Niemeyer sings and plays guitar to one of his own creations at the Christmas choir concert. Niemeyer has been playing guitar since he was 13-years-old.



From acting to water skiing to dropping a few stiches, everyone does their own thing, and to each his own.

Killing time

EVERYONE HAD THEIR HOBBIES WHEN THEY were young, whether it was collecting baseball cards, Legos®, or Barbies®. Many hobbies were just a passing phase, but in some cases grade school hobbies turned into high school fun.

Living right on Cedar Lake senior Jeff Peterson grew up around water, and took up water skiing when he was only seven years old. "Water skiing is a cutting-edge sport, and is not very popular. Many people are easily impressed by a good water skier," Peterson said. "Living on the lake is great, I usually water ski almost every day in the summer." Jeff has plans to compete in a few tournaments with hopes of taking his hobby to another level.

Knitting wasn't for everyone, but for freshman Julie Moniak, Jill Kienzle, and Lynn Molnar it suited them just fine. Summer visits to Lynn's grandma's house in the fifth grade gave the trio all the knitting skills they needed.

"We knit many things such as sweaters, scarves, and occasionally, stuff for our dogs," Moniak said. "Knitting takes up a lot of time, but we all enjoy it."

If you looked in the yellow pages, one of the first professions you would have come to was acting. Being in the spotlight was exactly where senior Dave Csuk liked to be. Csuk performed in a variety of Hanover productions, including *Our Miss Brooks*, *The Wizard Of Oz*, *Little Women*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Into The Woods*.

Influenced by Jethro Tull and Al Green, junior Ryan Niemeyer picked his Fender guitar until his fingers bled.

"I've played my guitar for five years. I pick it up whenever I feel the sensation," Ryan said. "I like playing because I can express my artistic ability through music. Plus, I can rock!"



STRETCHING OUT THEIR THROWING ARMS
after the PCC tourney win, seniors Lynne Bohling and Crystal Fisher decorate their coach Larry McMillen's house. With a count of 483 rolls of toilet paper the softball team claimed this was the biggest snow storm of the year.

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CONCENTRATING ON HER WORK, FRESHMAN
Lynne Molnar knits an afghan for sophomore Sarah Jager. Later that night Molnar showed others how to knit.

Whether it was the dance floor, at a petting zoo, a pool hall, the great outdoors, or just someone's house, students always had somewhere to . . .

Hang around

It was always nice to have a place to go when everyone just wanted to get away from things, kick back, relax, and most importantly have a good time. Without many recreational facilities in Cedar Lake, most students traveled out of town to reach their destinations.

Line dancing wasn't the biggest attraction around these parts, but for senior Bryan Eastling, D.C.'s



AFTER A LONG CANOE RIDE AROUND THEIR coach's house, junior Michele Roak, sophomore Jenny Bohling, senior Lynne Bohling, freshman Beth Wendlinger, and sophomore Sarah Jager take a break with some refreshments. Canoeing soon became the team's second favorite pastime.

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Country Junction provided a friendly atmosphere and plenty of things to do.

"Line dancing is the best! As soon as my boots hit the dance floor on Friday nights, I'm in heaven," Eastling said. "Their live bands are great, but I don't think I could dance all night, so the miniature zoo gives me a nice break from all that dancing."

Black lights and pool tables entertained many students at the Shark's Den, a pool hall located next to Lake Central High School. "We like the Shark's Den. It's fun, they play good music, and it's right next to Taco Bell if you want some grub," senior Josh Canarini said.

The great outdoors was a quiet and peaceful place to go when you got sick of all the bright lights and loud noises that were everyday annoyances around Cedar Lake. Camping was a cheap way to have fun outdoors. State parks and smaller camp grounds were abundant throughout Indiana, some even offered canoeing, kayaking, and bridge jumping to give campers extreme fun. "I like to become one with nature, enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and admire the wildlife," senior Anthony Burke said. "Waveland has to be the best place to go camping in Indiana."



GETTING AWAY FROM THE HASSLES OF SCHOOL, juniors Mike Shaw and Christy Haduch escape to Deep River Water Park. "Someone had to put him in his place," was all Haduch remarked.



REGAINING HER YOUTH, SOPHOMORE RACHEL
Laud gracefully glides through the air in her hotel room. Laud stayed with sophomore Catie Cornett and freshman Adrienne Shroka when the girls' basketball team traveled to play in their semistate game.



TRYING TO MAKE HIM LOOK PRESENTABLE,
sophomore Brienne Sheehy attempts to put
bright pink lipstick on her classmate, Jeremy
Deenik, while senior Cheryl Allen looks on.
"Sometimes we all need a little help," Sheehy
quipped as the friends hung out together.



TAKING A STAB AT IT, SOPHOMORE JENNY
Bohling attacks senior Crystal Fisher at the
Bohlings' annual softball party. The Bohlings
have hosted a softball party at the end of each
of the last two seasons.

Decorations, dresses, and staying up until dawn create a lively atmosphere not to be forgotten. It's a time to make memories and

Simply, the time of your life

YOU WAITED YOUR WHOLE LIFE FOR that one moment. The moment when you looked around and saw all your classmates dressed in splendor.

Then you gaze into the eyes of that magical person you've come with. It's real you think, I'm really here. Little girls dream about that night. Little boys can't hardly wait for it. Then you're all grown up and it



ENJOYING DINNER, AL MYSZKOWSKI AND AMY LaVelle, along with some friends eat their choice of turkey and gravy or pasta. Some of the couples seated at the table went to Chicago later that night and met some very colorful people, including some who were homeless.

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dawns on you that your dreams and anticipation will finally become real. Prom has come.

Prom was held at St. Elijah's Hall for the second year in a row and even though students see each other everyday, once they arrived at prom it was as if they were meeting each other for the first time.

"I really enjoyed myself because for the first time everyone got along and looked really nice. I had a great time dancing and going nuts with my friends," junior Dan Shipman said.

For the girls it was all about the dress. They had to have the perfect dress, the nails had to be done, and the hair had to go up.

"I loved dressing up and going all out for prom," Jessica Barrett said. "But you had to have the perfect dress and everything."

"I expected to have a fantastic time and do a lot of dancing. I had a blast and it lived up to all my expectations," senior Kyle Dill concluded.

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SHAKING THEIR GROOVE THINGS, SENIORS Brad Stooksberry and Bryan Eastling coincidentally wearing the similar vests dance the night away. Later the evening Eastling was named prom king.





FINISHING VOTING FOR PROM KING AND
seniors, seniors Michelle York and Pam Peterson
turn over their ballots the junior class sponsor.
Sandra Kiechle. Both girls were voted onto the
prom court by the rest of the prom-goers.



AMAZED AT WHAT FUN THEY ARE HAVING
freshman Mindy Eastling, senior Dana Freeman,
and junior Ann Horton gabbed about their
evening. Prom offered a romantic, but fun
night for all that attended.



GETTING JIGGY WITH IT. THE 72 PROM
couples burn off some energy. The mood of
prom changed back and forth from romantic
with the slow songs to wild and crazy with the
faster numbers.

WAITING FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING
and queen, senior Dan Meehan gets ready to
take some pictures of his date, future queen
Christy Bilinski. Others waiting in anticipation,
senior Bill Bissett, junior Josh Verbush and his
date from East Noble High School take a break
from the dance floor to hear the results.



WITH DINNER OUT OF THE WAY, SENIOR
Emily Bielak and junior Bo Casey slowly dance
the night away. Prom proved to be very
romantic for the couples that attended.

LEADING HIS DATE TO THE DANCE FLOOR,
junior Jeff Wittenhagen makes the night
special for his girlfriend sophomore Erin
Maloney. After prom the couple joined some
of their friends at the Round the Clock restaurant.



The names were in front of the voters. They each circled their choices. And once announced, they circled the dance floor as a

Royal couple

WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR ROYALTY to claim the dance floor, seniors Bryan Eastling and Christy Bilinski were named king and queen.

"I was amazed. I couldn't believe that many people voted for me, but it was also very cool because I was the king for the night," King Eastling admitted, "but the time when me, (Justin) Titak, and (Nick) Seymour danced to the YMCA was my favorite."



CALMING DOWN AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT of king and queen, seniors prom queen Christy Bilinski and prom king Bryan Eastling pose for some pictures. Eastling traded in his viking hat that he was so attached to earlier that night for his crown.

There were only a few complaints about prom, the most common was about the D.J.

"I think the D.J. could have been better; we didn't like some of the songs he played. Maybe we should have got Shipman," Dill said.

When the dance finally ended it was time for post-prom to start. Going to Indiana Beach or Great America were among the most popular choices, but there was a little trouble for a few individuals before the fun could start.

"My least favorite moment was when our limo driver backed up into Sean Schutz's new Sebring. He was wasted, but we didn't let that ruin our night. It was still great," Lisa Wythe recalled.

Prom was not just one night, it was a weekend. And for that one weekend everyone got along, looked really nice, and had the time of there lives.

"We went to Indiana Beach for the weekend, but I enjoyed being with my boyfriend more than anything," Brandi Lohr concluded.



CELEBRATING HIS VICTORY AS PROM KING, senior Bryan Eastling jumps out of the line. The prom court consisted of seniors Nathan Bartels, Christy Bilinski, Ike Boyer, Christy Koby, James Crist, Pam Peterson, Kyle Dill, Trisha Roberts, Eastling, and Michelle York.

Graduation is an emotional time for everyone. Tears flowed as if they poured from open faucets as the graduates said their . . .

Goodbyes

SOMEBODY GIVE HER A KLEENEX!" a compassionate male voice from the crowd shouted.

So, superintendent George Letz stood up from his seat and gave co-salutatorian Christina Peters a Kleenex to dry her tears in the middle of her speech. Peters spoke about memories in her address, and



LEADING THEIR CLASS FOR THE LAST TIME, senior class officers Christy Peters, Christy Bilinski, James Crist, and Pam Peterson instruct their fellow graduates to move their tassles, signifying their graduation. Bilinski and Peters were also co-salutatorians.



STANDING ON QUE, SENIORS RYAN ANDREWS and Tim Board wait for the rest of their row to return. Andrews planned to attend Goshen College to play baseball.

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emotion engulfed her and many others in the air-conditioned gym. Her message was concise but from the heart; some memories were good, some bad, but the Class of 1999 had made it.

"I was nervous as I walked onto the stage and feeling somewhat emotional, but as soon as I started to talk about my family, my emotions consumed me," Peters explained. "My family has always been there for me, and now we're all at a stage in our lives where we have to move on from that comfortable place."

Unlike last year, graduation was really goodbye. It was the ultimate climax to years of work in high school. The diplomas were real, and the seniors were completely finished. Finals were taken, the picnic was over, and even a surprise senior parade was already just a memory.

Unlike last year, no snowstorm forced the seniors to return after commencement. That didn't mean it was easy for everyone, however.

"I don't like this. Everything's so stable for so long, and then it changes. It's creepy," graduate Amanda Osborn said.

Others were more anxious to leave. "I'm never coming back to this school after the day I walk out," senior Antonio Rodriguez said. "It's just time to move on."

RETURNING TO THE REST OF THE GRADUATES, Dustin Sjoersma leaves the stage after being congratulated by the school board. In addition to his academic achievements, Sjoersma played four years of baseball.

SHEDDING A TEAR, VALEDICTORIAN AARON Itczak delivers his speech. Itczak was also a member of the president of the National Honor Society, a member of Snowball, and a Thespian.



LETTING THEM FLY, THE GRADUATES CAST their caps into the air. After the graduates left the gym, one lonely cap was found remaining behind on the floor.

ACCEPTING THE COVER THAT HER DIPLOMA
would later be placed in, senior Tiffany White
is congratulated by principal Joseph Fetty. The
graduates received their actual diplomas in the
back gym after the ceremony.



AFTER ANNOUNCING THAT THE SENIOR CLASS
could not decide on a senior gift, class
president James Crist promises that the gift
will be given soon. Crist hinted at the
possibility of new floor mats for the entrances
to the school.

GETTING TOGETHER FOR ONE LAST PERFORMANCE, graduating members of swing choir sing, "Reach for the Light." Jessica Barret, Aaron Itczak, Bill Bisset, and Val Domazet were four of the nine seniors in swing choir this year.



Some people are leaving, and
some are staying, but for all
graduates it will be . . .

A new beginning

"I T MAKES ME GLAD TO BE LEAVING, but sad not to see the teachers who've helped me," graduate Anthony Burke said.

He specifically mentioned Miss Ann Thompson and Mr. Greg Whitacre as teachers who helped him.

The actual commencement exercise was an assortment of speeches, music, and bittersweet emotions. After Kristy Peters delivered her address, her co-salutatorian, Christy Bilinski, stood dry-eyed to speak. Soon, however, her eyes also filled with tears, but this time assistant to the superintendent Steve Johns gave out the tissues since Mr. Letz's supply was already out.

When it was time for the valedictory address, Aaron Iltczak took the stage teary-eyed after singing, "Reach for the Light," with his fellow choir members. His tissues came from Senator Sue Landske.

Tears and smiles were ever present because 12 years, 432 weeks, 2160 days, and 15,120 hours all led up to one moment that went by in a flash. Even Peters still didn't feel like graduation was really over.

"Everything was so surreal," she commented. "Graduation hasn't quite really hit me yet."

"I'm speechless," Diana Petros concluded. "I don't know if I want to laugh or if I want to cry. It's the best feeling in the world."

STANDING AT ATTENTION, THE SENIORS
listen to the band play the national anthem.
After the anthem, class officer Pam Peterson
led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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COMPOSING HERSELF, CO-SALUTATORIAN
Christy Bilinski tries to continue her speech.
Bilinski included a poem written for her mom
and dedicated it to all of the seniors' parents,
but especially their mothers.



academics and
organizations

No one could predict the future, so it just made sense to get ready for the real world by learning as much as possible

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Being academically inclined was the way to go," sophomore Chris Reh said, "I mean you have to have your common sense too, but like your theme (well grounded) goes, it's perfect to have 'em both. Without them, you will probably only go so far, with luck."

Standing tall on firm ground, knowing your surroundings, and simply having a clue about what it takes to succeed was enough to let most people get by. Sometimes coping was rough, other times it was easy. Flexibility helped smooth the rough days.

"Being school smart as well as street smart helps you in the world today," junior Cecil Pendleton III. "It makes it more of a challenge knowing what you're getting into and how to possibly handle the situation, rather than not knowing anything about it."

It was clear that academic smarts were just as important as street smarts. Some classes may not have seemed necessary at the time, but as "The More You Know" public service announcements suggested, being well-grounded meant not being left in someone else's dust.





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Showing that drama isn't all that easy, freshman Chris Parker sits through a make-up session. "I really don't like the make-up, but it looks good," Parker stated during the production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Accessing the future, juniors Katie Smit and Laura McClymont find out their starting salaries at the Reality Store. The program prompted juniors to understand the actual costs of living by placing them in real-life role-playing situations. It proved to be a real eye-opener for those who never considered how quickly expenses add up.

WHILE PRACTICING SAFE
sanding, Junior Jason Fair rounds out a corner. Having both metals and woods class, Jason has a lot of time to try and not cause any limbs to suddenly fall off.



AS THE STUDENTS LOOK ON, Mr. Holmes reviews the basics of a router before allowing the class to practice with the power tool. Of course he teaches proper technique, but he also tries to ensure they won't do something stupid.



a riveting experience

metals welds fun and skills together

by Ike Boyer

JUNIOR JASON FAIR OBSERVED, "I can see myself making good money if I get the hang of welding. My dad has been a welder for a long time, and I think it would be great if I could follow in his footsteps. Metals gives me a chance to put my foot in the door as a welder."

Mr. Norm Holmes taught his students how to work with welding machines, metal lathes, and sheet metal. A constant spray of sparks lit up the metal



shop, a somewhat large class of 15 students were always looking for something to do.

"With 15 kids and only three welding machines, you have the opportunity to work on the other machines whenever you want. Working in metals is a nice break from my normal classes," junior Nathan Greer said.

After showing Mr. Holmes that their welding skills were sufficient, students were allowed to make their own creations. "I have made a lot of different designs in metals, but my favorite one has to be the castle I made. I worked on it every day," senior Chad Edwards noted. "It got so big that Mr. Holmes made me take it apart."

LETTING THE SPARKS
fly, junior Nick Mager torches a piece of metal. "He (Mr. Holmes) knows a lot about everything in the metals class and helps you out with just about anything you ask," said Mager of his teacher.

a cut above the rest

an era of life lessons and drill bits

by Ike Boyer

IN THE 33 YEARS he has been here, Mr. Norm Holmes has seen it all. From missing fingers to shrapnel wounds, nothing seemed to phase the veteran industrial arts teacher. Mr. Holmes, planning for retirement after one more school year, said he hoped to see fewer severed body parts and more students understand the power of tools.

Some took the knowledge Mr. Holmes gave them and applied it to plans for the future.

"The trades I have learned in woods and metals will someday help me to get a job," senior Chad Edwards emphasized.

With the choice of woods or metals, students had an opportunity to build their own projects. With ideas ranging from candle sticks to tool boxes,



EITHER COMPLETELY INTO IT, or completely out of it, sophomore Adam Wythe learns the basics of a router tool, only to use it on his own creations later.

students had a lot of freedom to create their own original projects.

Hands-on work took the most time in shop class, but Mr. Holmes always found time for a film and plenty of book work. "I got a lot out of woods, especially the ability to work with my hands," noted senior Eric Krueger.

Students paid for materials out of their own pockets, but the knowledge absorbed from Mr. Holmes was priceless. "Mr. Holmes is a well-educated man," senior Jeff Peterson added. "Name an object, and there is no doubt Holmes can build it."



JOHN SWIFT LOOKS ON AS
Mr. Holmes reviews the basics
of tools safety. Many
masterpieces and some not-
so-masterful pieces have been
crafted under Holmes' watch.



PLOTTING HIS PLANS,
Junior Steve Jamrosz lays out
a diagram for his woods
project. The TV-VCR stand was
one of the optional projects
allowed in Woods 1.

Advanced classes are the right "type"

Larger monitors and more comfortable chairs gave the students a brand new outlook on typing class. The up to date computers provided the students with a new understanding of the computer age. With every computer in the classroom on-line, the students were ready to surf the net with a touch of a button.

Not only did the class teach the students how to type their reports faster, but they could also get more information for their reports from the internet. "It's a great class to take. I can type up my homework so much easier now. Being able to go on the internet helped me too," sophomore Jerry Martin stated.



BUSILY AND FEVERISHLY typing away, sophomore Hillary Smith plugs away an assignment for her Keyboarding class. She, along with all others at Hanover, learn how to survive in today's modern "plugged in" world.

Multimedia project classes become multilevel

Advanced
Multimedia
presents
students with
new challenges

A new era of learning began and the race for technology was soared to new heights. Increasing standards in computer literacy prompted Hanover to invest in that new style of learning.

Computers became common place in every classroom. They gave students a brand new outlook on education and a better understanding of the computer age.

Multimedia was offered to students for

SHOWING THE CLASS THAT his project is one of the greats, Nate Bartels points out the technical attributes to his advanced multimedia project. Both the Multimedia and the Advanced Multimedia classes use the Digital Chisel® program to make computers come alive with graphics, text, sound and video, and animation.



the past three years, and for the first time, an advanced Multimedia class gave experienced students a new challenge.

Students were given the freedom to be creative, and the opportunity to create their own visions. "Multimedia gave me the freedom to choose whatever topic I would like to do. I used video clips, and many pictures to depict my interpretation of the Vietnam War," senior Nate Bartels stated.

Some bugs had to be worked out of the computers, but students eventually learned how to work around those minor setbacks. "The computer I was working on malfunctioned, and my project needed some major construction work," senior Kyle Dill said.

Quality software and manuals provided information to help the students along. "The up-to-date software gave me a better understanding of the computer and how it functioned," Dill concluded. A better understanding of the new technology gave the students a doorway into the future of education.

BOB KOLADA JOINS IN with the rest of Mr. Greg Whitacre's sixth hour U.S. History class in singing classic songs like "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" and songs from the era. Mr. Whitacre holds the annual event in his classes as a break from the norm and as a way to introduce a cultural experience.

ALL DRESSED UP, JUNIOR Cecil Pendleton learns some new cowboy tunes. "If the lyrics to the songs were more legible and easier to follow, the (class's) singing would be better," reflected Cecil. "I was impressed with the amount of participation . . . within my class. I enjoyed the opportunity to dress up Western style."



Whitacre's 'Western Day' proves age is timeless

by Ike Boyer

Teachers always emphasized that students needed to act their age. One teacher, Mr. Greg Whitacre, contradicted that theory every year. His students had the chance to dress up as cowboys and Indians, sing and dance throughout the hour of old folk songs, and relive the old west.

Folk songs by Bob Dylan helped set the mood. "I could have listened to those Bob Dylan records all day," junior Al Myskowski said, "and I was disappointed when the hour ended."

Students who did dress up received bonus points and the admiration of their classmates. "I thought that the people who put effort into dressing up really impressed me, but I think I was the only one who didn't like the music," junior Terry Eastling concluded.

ON A NICE SEPTEMBER afternoon, juniors Jeff Yardley and Tony Kretz meet the requirement of Western Day by dressing up for Mr. Greg Whitacre's Western Day. "Dancing, dressing up, and learning 'bout the 'Wild Wild West' was very entertaining and educational," Kretz said. "I mean, you got to see Mr. Whitacre dance!"

MATH ACADEMIC TEAM

Front: Margie Brewer, Melanie Brumbaugh, Mrs. Marcia Gross, sponsor. Back: Jason Raduenez, Melanie Brumbaugh, and Tim Board.

adding up the values

for exponential growth of the mind

by Ike Boyer

PICTURE YOURSELF STANDING in front of a class full of puzzled teenagers, trying to teach all of the difficult concepts of math. Math books were packed full of thousands of difficult equations, and students were given less than 180 fifty-minute class periods to master all of those mathematical concepts.

"I think teaching math would be really hard because it takes students so long to understand it," freshman Brian Brightwell explained, "... words are much easier to understand than numbers."

In his first year of teaching, Mr. Heath Schlueter said he enjoyed the small school atmosphere of Hanover. Mr. Schlueter filled the open spot left by Mrs. Millie Postma, who relocated to Lincoln Elementary as a counselor.

"Math has always come easy for me," Mr. Schlueter recalled, "The most rewarding thing I get from teaching is seeing someone finally understand a mathematical concept."

"Mr. Schlueter is a good teacher, he helps everyone learn things in a new perspective," sophomore Adam Wythe said. "It's easy to get good grades in his class; you have to try to fail."

Mrs. Marcia Gross was coach of the math academic team, which competed once at Wheeler High School, and once at Kouts. They finished twentieth in the state out of 75 teams.

"Our mathematical prowess was unparalleled by our competition," senior Tim Board boasted.



CAREFULLY CHECKING Pre-Cal equations, junior Cecil Pendleton faces real-world challenges his assignment. This time, he had to locate an ideal home and find a low mortgage rate to fit for the it.



SHOWING THAT MATH doesn't always have to be dull and boring, Mr. Heath Schlueter presents the almighty inverse proportion in Algebra I. As a substitute teacher, Mr. Schlueter gains knowledge from students while they learn algebra skills from him. He also gained perspective as a full-time teacher when he replaced Mrs. Millie Postma, who became a counselor for the elementary schools.

lurking in the shadows

students clear the fog on future careers

by Josh Canarini

HEADING OUT INTO the real world seemed so far away, yet it was so close for all high school students. On February 2, about 35 students had the chance to catch a glimpse of their potential real world. A job shadowing program was available for all interested students ninth through twelfth grades.

"I think it's a good opportunity for kids to view jobs on site in addition to looking at books," Madonna Grabos, physical therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of America said. "They get to view first hand and interact with the professionals, and they can ask questions right there. I think they learn a lot more."

Why would any kid want to go to a work place and work or help for a whole day for free, other than the day off school, that is?

"I wanted to experience what a physical therapist does on a daily basis, so then I would know if I wanted to do it as a career," sophomore Kirby Heindel explained.

Job shadowing was set up to give first-hand experience to the students. It was also set up to help them decide whether or not they had chosen the right career for themselves. "I want to be a pharmacist and job shadowing reassured me that pharmacy is an interesting career," senior Jeff Peterson said, "I deal with people and it is also a very respectable position."

In describing his experience Peterson added, "I would fill orders by finding drugs on the counter, double checking the drug, I would count out the given quantity of the drug and then recount. I placed labels on containers and gave it to the pharmacist to double check."

Though most of the students enjoyed the learning experience, a few had troubles like when a professional had to cancel or even the occasional weak stomach.

"(The officer) never even showed up to take us out, so I'm yet to shadow my job as a law enforcer," sophomore Nick Medrano said as he sadly walked back into his class.

"Jill (Janicki), passed out at the doctor's office—it was scary and funny at the same time," sophomore Jillian Gorny laughed.

"It was a rewarding and educating experience for all who participated and I hope they continue to do it so more students can participate and have the same experiences I had," Peterson concluded.



METICULOUSLY COUNTING OUT PILLS FOR A prescription, senior Jeff Peterson learns how the pharmaceutical business works. Job Shadow Day, along with other guidance-sponsored events, gave students a boost in their search for a career.



AARON ITCZAK
NHS President

This leader really is a role model

by Josh Canarini

Every year a new student has to step up and play the important role of president of the National Honor Society. This time the Honor was held by Aaron Itczak.

"Being president I help organize and plan events, such as the food drive, run meetings, and see that every thing runs smoothly," Itczak stated. Not only did he hold the most important job in the NHS, he also had to be more flawless than other members.

"I am obligated to act as a good role model and mentor towards others," he noted. Aaron was elected by his peers to the position.

"I hope I can follow in the footsteps of past presidents and lead the NHS though another promising year," he added.

In spite of fewer donations by other classes, honor society and show choir led the way in the traditional Thanksgiving food fight

It wasn't a record turnout, but students still opened their hearts and cupboards for the annual food fight.

It also wasn't enough for one NHS member. "I'm not sure how to get students remotivated, but something has got to be done before our school participation in this project is dropped completely," was all Bill Bisset could say about the school's total donations for the food drive.

After setting the record for the most items per student two years earlier, the food drive took a slight decline in popularity. Almost two-thirds of the food was brought in by the office

and the Swing Choir. There were some classes that did not bring in even one item for the whole class.

"The food drive has slacked off quite a bit in the area of amount of

food brought in. I feel this is because many people are lazy and cannot get motivated. All I know is myself and Swing Choir worked really hard to help others and the rest of the

students should follow our role," Bisset added.

"Running the food drive was a challenge. I had to count the number of students in each first hour classroom," Bisset added. "I had to keep a continuous count of food and I wrote up the announcement each day for Mr. Fetty to read."

All in all, after everything was said and done, the food drive was still productive and helped out quite a few less fortunate families in the area. In the end it still showed that students, though not all helped, could make a difference in the community.

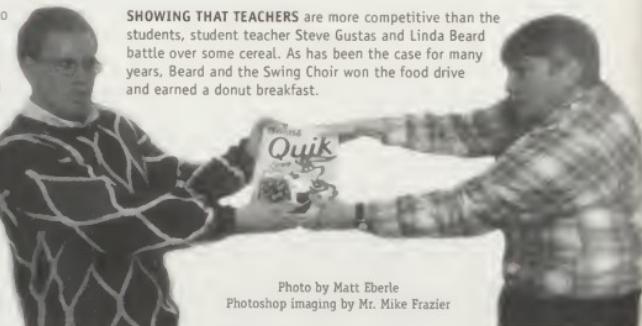


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Academic squeeze play helps NHS crowd the stage

by Josh Canarini

Students enter "a better society" with a bigger than average induction

When the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony in the auditorium, it was a little crowded as 22 new members were inducted. Among the activities squeezed into the evening were a speech by special guest Staff Sargent Sanoni,

the candle lighting, and the speeches by current members to welcome the large group.

Honor, pride, and nervousness were among the mixed emotions. "I felt nervous but I was very grateful of making it in," Becky Arwood said of the induction.

"I was very proud of my accomplishments. I was also very excited because being a member of the Honor Society was a goal of mine," Tiffany Sheehy noted.

Some of the warm feelings, however, turned downright hot. Junior Christy Haduch exclaimed, "I felt very special, but then I burnt myself on hot candle wax, so I said ahhhh! We had a good speaker, though."

There were still feelings of satisfaction. "My most memorable moment was blowing out my candle and knowing that I had entered a better society," Haduch concluded.



TENSELY WAITING TO light their candles, Ryan Longfellow and Scott Klein watch as the flame passes from Jennifer Olenick to Rebecca McClymont. A long-standing tradition at all NHS inductions, the candle lighting and pledge ceremony is still a special moment.

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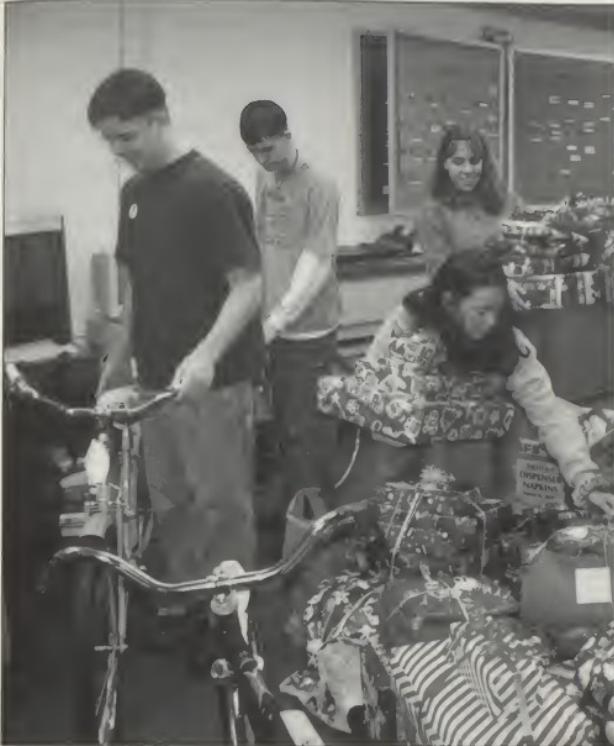
NHS acceptance means more than numbers have to add up

Getting into the illustrious National Honor Society was made easier when the required grade point average was dropped from a 3.5 to a 3.4. It was still no easy task though, as the candidates were evaluated by a faculty committee of five in the areas of academics, leadership, service, and character. Those accepted were inducted in a formal ceremony.

The NHS was an active organization at Hanover. The chosen members had to attend lunch and after school meetings every other Wednesday. They had to follow a local dress code on these days.

Each member was also required to complete 20 hours of community service. This was designed to improve the school or community. The members had annual projects to complete as a group. Included were the food drive, Christmas Angel Tree, which provided gifts to needy children; and the Spring courtyard landscaping project.

"Honor Society's purpose is to teach about leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. We're supposed to be role models for people, plus it looks good on applications and resumes," senior Pam Peterson concluded.



Volunteering: the gift that keeps giving

by Josh Canarini

Volunteering to help out the community was always a priority for NHS members, whether it was helping with the food drive or fixing up the school's courtyard. It meant giving up some personal time to help out the community in some way.

"Honor Society is a group of select students who excel in both the classroom and the

community. Being in NHS we are required to fulfill 20 hours of community service," Tammi Boersma said.

When could it be done by a student when all their time was consumed by school, sports, or after school jobs? The solution was always the same—just give up some of your vacations or weekend time. Though it was no fun, the sacrifice had to be made.

"As part of my 20 hours I went and helped out at the Lansing Food Pantry (over Christmas vacation). We helped out

THE POWER OF GIVING
ran rampant throughout the school as the holiday spirit flourished. "We have so much—it feels good to give to those less fortunate than ourselves," senior Jeff Peterson said (far left). He was accompanied by Wes Watkins, Emily Gentry and Jenny Olenick in loading the Angel Tree gifts for delivery to needy families.

bagging food such as beans and potatoes. Also, we rationed out food for the needy," she added. Seeing the end results and the joy it brought always made the lost time seem a little less lost for the NHS volunteers.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Front: Michelle York, Jessica Pralle, Lynda Szanyi, Tiffany Sheehy, and Heidi Govert. Row 2: Christy Bilinski, Jennie Olenick, Laura McClymont, Lynne Bohling, Ryan Longfellow, Aaron Itczak, and Becky Arwood. Row 3: Pam Peterson, Emily Rawlins, Rebecca Spindler, Melanie Brumbaugh, Christy Haduch, Margie Brewer, and Colleen Seaton. Back: Mr. Jack Granger, sponsor; Scott Klein, Jeff Yardley, Jeff Kaltunas, Ann Horton, Richard Bascke, Tammi Boersma, and Jon Deenink.

CYBERCAT STAFF

Front: Ada Anderson and Nick Marchand. Back: Mr. Mike Frazier, adviser; Diana Swift, and Ann Horton. Not pictured: Jennifer Baacke



OPENING A NEW WINDOW TO the world, *CyberCat* editor-in-chief Ada Anderson plans a web screen design with online editor Jen Baacke. Although the staff had to wait until May 3 before the site could be uploaded to the school's server, the staff compiled material all year and posted most of it on the launch date.



no more kitty litter

CyberCat launches unique news site

by Ike Boyer

WITH A FRESH NEW NAME, *CyberCat*, and a brand new face, the Internet, Hanover's news resource was ready for the new millennium. In the past, finding old Cat's Eye newspapers scattered around the hallway was nothing out of the ordinary. The all-new staff, however, took to the Internet to distribute the restructured newspaper and put an end to any littering of Hanover's hallways.

It was more than a newspaper. Links to other web sites allowed students to further research topics to get an in-depth look at the featured information. With new articles and information added to the web site every day, the school news resource worked continuously to stay as current as possible. The ability to maximize coverage on any given topic was a major advantage of the cyber news site.

No one could have imagined that little Hanover

Central of even smaller Cedar Lake, Indiana, would have one of the first online school newspapers in the nation. *CyberCat* literally pioneered the format for a cyber newspaper.

"It's cool that a small school like us can have all this technology to make something like this work. It's not like any other newspaper staff I have ever been on," editor-in-chief Ada Anderson said.

Adviser Mike Frazier brought life to the idea of an Internet-based newspaper, eliminating some of the technical problems of a traditional format.

"We wanted to take advantage of the technology by becoming content providers as well as content consumers. It is an ongoing process of pioneering a site by not limiting our coverage to just local or school news, but providing worldwide information to the students and parents," Mr. Frazier concluded.



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delayed reaction

make-up work doesn't hinder Key staff

by Ike Boyer

THE YEARBOOK. One hundred and eighty pages of memories and magical moments captured in pictures and writings, pieced together by a staff of nine students. It didn't help that the staff's first job was to complete last year's book. This delayed the start of production on the 1999 Key, but a core group of veteran staffers caught up quickly.

The short time given to complete the annual project kept the staff focused on their deadlines.

"My main focus is on my deadlines. If I don't meet my deadlines, the yearbook won't get done on time. The rest of the staff depends on me to get my pictures taken," senior Matt Eberle said.

The fear of having to go back to school during the summer kept the staff working as hard as they could the whole year.

"I don't want to have to stay during the summer after I have already graduated to complete the yearbook," Eberle added.



THE KEY YEARBOOK STAFF

Front: Scott Klein, Josh Canarini, Ike Boyer, and Matt Eberle.
Back: Mr. Mike Frazier, adviser; Lynda Szanyi, Jeff Yardley, Dan Haake, Nick Kowalczyk, and Ada Anderson.

Guiding the students on their year-long journey was Mr. Mike Frazier. As a 20-year adviser of The Key, Frazier and his staffs have won dozens of awards, including three prestigious Hoosier Star Awards, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Crown and Silver Crown Awards, a three-time finalist in the annual Pacemaker Awards, a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker winner, and induction into the NSPA Hall of Fame in 1997.

The new staff was a relief, according to Frazier, who said they took a lot of pressure off of a hectic schedule. "This staff is fun to work with. I like not having to worry about anything drastic happening," he said. "Because they had to apply and be approved for positions, they are more motivated than previous staffs. These students care about what they are doing and that is a prime ingredient for making a quality yearbook," Frazier said.

Nick Kowalczyk, editor-in-chief for two years, attended journalism conventions in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and one at Franklin College to make his job as editor a little easier. Making sure everything ran smoothly was his main priority. "Our biggest problem is with deadlines. If we don't hit our deadlines the whole staff suffers," Kowalczyk said.

Junior staffer Jeff Yardley was busy every day in yearbook, yet still took abuse from some staffers. Said of Yardley, "I enjoy working with the rest of the staff, but the nickname 'Ice Cream' has to go."



PREVIEWING THE NEW yearbooks before distribution to the student body, senior staffer Matt Eberle takes some time out from placing foil stamps on the covers. "I'm happy that they are finally here. Now all the complaining people will get their yearbooks," Matt said.



SPELLBOWL TEAM Front: Tony Brana, Julian Janicki, Kirby Heindel, and Brienne Sheehy. Middle: Julian Gormy, Katie Krumpoliz, Sarah Jaget, Cory Knutsen, Emi Mastey, and Chris Parker. Back: Greg Webb, Amber Westerhoff, Melanie Brumbaugh, Michael Case, Amy Gley, and Mrs. Sandy Kiechle, sponsor. The squad qualified for the state finals in Indianapolis for the second consecutive year. Last year was the first in Hanover Spellbowl history.



ENGLISH ACADEMIC TEAM Front: Amy Ploskonka, and Ryan Maloney. Back: Mr. Steve Landis, sponsor; Laura McClymont, and Lynne Bohling.

Academic strength illustrated by ISTEP+ scores

by Jeff Yardley

Hanover Central's faculty, parents, and students were proud. Extraordinary ISTEP+ scores were not a coincidence. Hanover's tenth graders ranked 26 out of 363 schools with 71 percent of the class passing both the mathematics and language arts batteries. The sophomores decimated the state projected percentages in language arts.

While the state predicted a mere 66 percent passing rate, the sophomores showed a whopping 92 percent above average.

The junior class was also on the

right track with 88 percent passing the Graduation Qualifying Exam. This exam was based on ninth grade skills, so of course the goal was 100 percent.

Remediation was offered so the students could improve their scores.

With all things considered, though, Hanover revealed its full potential.



percentage of sophomores above standard in language arts



percentage of sophomores above standard in math

There were 89 sophomores above average in both Math and English

71%

infographics by Jeff Yardley
statistics by Indiana Department of Education

Mr. Young still a legend after 35 years of memories

by Josh Canarini

Think back really far. Imagine the year is 1964. Your parents were just teenagers in high school English. Now, think about your English class with Mr. Gary Young. Imagine still, if your parents went to Hanover you share something in common with them—an English education from Mr. Young.

Gary Young, Sr., has taught in the Hanover Community School Corporation for 35 years.

"It doesn't seem that long most of the time," Mr. Young said. "Watching changes, growth, and children of former student has been very interesting and challenging." He has seen thousands of students come and go during that time, and with it came thousands of memories.

"There are many good and rewarding memories. I think one of the best was when I'd spent quite a bit of time preparing and delivering a new lecture in College

Prep. When I was finished the class burst into spontaneous applause. It was neat. Most of my negative memories are embarrassing," Young continued, "I am the twister of words and have often wished for the floor to open up and swallow me."

Those who have had one of Mr. Young's English classes have heard the stories of *The Tale of Two Cities*, when a slip of the tongue turned the "c" in cities into a "t". He also recalled "The Hook-handed Stalker" who followed him as a child. It seemed as if the memories went on and on.

"Early memories of teaching abound, but the first time I gave swats stands out most in my mind. I obtained Mrs. Miller from across the hall as a witness, told the boy to grab his ankles, and put my all into it. My feet were off the ground. I knocked the poor boy over!" Mr. Young laughed as he reminisced.

Imagine the changes he saw in 35 years. New styles for hair, clothing, and music, and that's just the beginning.



WITH A TOUCH OF GOOD humor, Mr. Gary Young yuks it up with his College Prep class. After 35 years, he still enjoys a reputation as an excellent storyteller.

"I've seen the new buildings-Hanover, the new Lincoln, and Jane Ball, I've also taught in the Old Lincoln, which is now gone. There've been changes in salary growth. I made only \$5,200 my first year," Mr. Young noted. "I don't regret being here for this long, but I've often dreamed of being elsewhere." And yet, somehow, few of us could imagine life at Hanover without him.

EXTRA

Amy Gley makes the cut and becomes THE TIMES' "Editor for the Day"



Representing Hanover Central in the annual Times newspaper "Editor for a Day" contest was Amy Gley. Actually, she was one of only three winners in Northwest Indiana. She had to write a story and submit it to The Times. She wrote about school shootings. After it was judged she had found out she won.

"I felt strongly about the topic of school shootings," Amy remarked.

Her honor for winning was to become the Times editor for a day.

"It was a good experience. I got a tour of the Munster Times facility; they took us out for dinner. I typed up the paper, and played on computers," Gley added. It was a remarkable feat for the sophomore who added, "I learned a lot."

GLEY LEARNED HER essential skills on a visit to The Times offices in Munster. "The reporters are responsible for covering the stories assigned to them and typing up the story," she said, "so they have to be skilled in shorthand, typing, and editing their own paper."

Business department gears up for the new millennium

by Mr. William Whitestine and Mrs. Laura Marzotto

As a way for students to understand the impact of business on their lives, The Key asked Hanover's business teachers to comment on essential skills for a new era.

The millennium bug! Y2K! Never fear, the Business Department is ready.

(We) geared up the department to prepare students for business knowledge and career requirements needed in the new millennium. The department enjoyed another major facelift with the renovation of Room 19, just three years after revamping the Room 15 computer lab. The 15 state-of-the-art Gateway computers greatly enhanced the

content and context of the business courses. Using computers, the department adapted to provide the necessary business "life skills" needed by all students and to provide a knowledge base for employment in the vast arena of business-related job opportunities.

The importance of business education

According to a recent article in U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, approximately one-half of the so-called "hot job tracks" will require some kind of business education or training. Other sources indicate that demand will continue to be strong beyond the year 2000 for individuals with business skills in the areas of marketing, computers, accounting, finance, and

office administration. Need a checking or savings account?—business. Want to invest your money wisely or plan for retirement?—business. Need insurance or to file taxes?—business. Need to apply for a job?—business. Business directly affects everyone's life.

Where we are

Computer Applications I, a required course, found students working in a networked Macintosh lab and continued to provide students with the fundamental keyboarding skills needed for a life that is becoming more deeply ingrained in computer use. (Beginning in the year 2000, it is estimated that 75 percent of all jobs will involve keyboard usage). Students also learned to

apply their newly acquired keyboarding skill in practical word processing situations that will likely affect their entire life. Along the way, students studied fundamental computer terminology and learning that increased their efficiency and effectiveness. The importance of "image" and "first impressions" in regard to computer generated materials was stressed.

Introduction to

Business, also required, continued to prepare students to be ethical producers and consumers in our economy. Once limited to textbook readings, classroom lecture, and workbook page completion, it provides opportunities for students to see firsthand how technology can increase productivity. Students surpassed textbook limitations through research of current business trends on the Internet. Students used word processing

documents, databases, and spreadsheets to complete assignments. Automated banking procedures were investigated with the help of the computer.

Computer Applications II, working in the Macintosh lab, continued to enhance the effective and efficient use of the keyboard and computer and to apply their skill and knowledge to more advanced word processing documents. Students also developed skill in the use of database and spreadsheet documents as well as the integration of information from one type of document to another. Graphics integration was used to enhance various documents and students began to develop an understanding of what makes a document effective as a conveyance of information. Internet activities involving career assessment and research were utilized.

Computer Applications III, using the new Gateway computers, took a walk on the "Windows" side of the business world. Working in a Windows environment with Microsoft Office Professional 97 challenged our technology "gurus" with advanced word processing, databases, and spreadsheets. Creativity blossomed with business graphics using Microsoft PowerPoint. Exploration of new, changing technologies and Internet activities were intertwined among these operations.

A visit to the Lake County Court was one highlight of the Business Law classes. A prominent

Lake County public defender provided a first-hand guided tour—a paradise for our "want-to-be" lawyers. Computers aided the classes greatly by providing up-to-date information on state statutes and information on other legal issues. A mock trial was the culminating activity for the law classes.

Accounting I, for the first time in its history, used computer spreadsheets for problem completion and understanding. The importance of accounting concepts to personal finance and career possibilities was investigated. Students were introduced to the concept of entrepreneurship and the impact of accounting on those who operate their own businesses. Students began to understand the value of accounting as it affects their everyday activities. Internet activities helped in the area of career research.

The future

The department will continue to adapt current course offerings and plan its future offerings to fulfill the need for business and economic literacy in our ever changing global society.

Introduction to Business and Business Law will see increased computer use and research. Accounting will continue to provide important financial knowledge needed by people in their personal lives as well as provide a sound foundation for those who are considering a career in finance.

Courses such as Marketing and Accounting II also may be added.



FINE ARTS ACADEMIC TEAM: Front: Emi Mastey, Kirby Heindel, Jillian Janicki. Back: Jennifer Bunge, Linda Beard, sponsor; and Cory Knutsen. The team was one of several academic squads to compete for Hanover.



Leading the way with cutting-edge technology

by Ike Boyer

In his 27 years of teaching at Hanover, Mr. William Whitestine has exposed his students to the basic concepts of keyboarding, databases, and spreadsheets. Over the years his classroom has had its share of technology advancements. In the beginning,

the now primitive typewriter was the basis for document processing and the main source of business forms. With modern computers came the end of the noisy typewriter era.

Computers have allowed Mr. Whitestine's classes to speed up the process of learning, and to give students a head start in the rapid pace of the business world.

"The computer has been the greatest thing that has ever happened to my classes," Mr. Whitestine said. The

mainstay of word processing on the school's Macintosh computers has been ClarisWorks. That will soon be changing when Microsoft Office 98 replaces ClarisWorks and allow students to use new features such as Power Point.

"The software is more advanced, and it will allow students to do business presentations," Mr. Whitestine added.

And years from now, you can bet Mr. Whitestine will lead the way to the next tech revolution.

KEEPING A CLOSE EYE on both the watch and his students, Mr. William Whitestine insists on excellence. Keying with both speed and accuracy is extremely important in today's "plugged in" society, and that was why Computer Applications I was a high school requirement.



New faces and formats for the next generation

by Ike Boyer

With the retirement of Mr. James Nicholas, a big hole was left to be filled in the business department.

The new kid on the block was Mrs. Laura Marzotto, who brought 15 years of teaching experience with her to HC. Her teaching style and methodology provided a major change in Room 19.

Mrs. Marzotto's new style incorporated technologies in addition to paper and pencils to help her students understand the basic concepts of business law and consumer affairs.

"I try to supplement the textbooks with use of the computer and Internet," Mrs. Marzotto noted.

In her efforts to utilize the technology in the newly-renovated lab, students could surf the web to obtain information such as an explanation of stocks and bonds or study current case law. Students also learned how to use spreadsheets, databases, and word processing in completing classroom projects.

EAGERLY LEARNING THE basics of Power Point is Christy Koby. As a student in one of Mrs. Marzotto's classes, she is exposed to the new Gateway 2000 computers as well as the newest addition to Hanover's faculty.

a fond farewell

and no one wanted to say goodbye

by Josh Canarini

"HEY, WHAT'S FAMILY and Consumer Science?"

"Oh, that's just Home Ec's new name."

Other than the name change, there was only one major change taking place in the Family Consumer and Science department. Mrs. Ruth Eskilson was retiring.

"I will truly miss 'Mrs. E.' She has become a dear friend, and mentor," Mrs. Jean Kirk said. "We share ideas, solve problems, and work well together."

Mrs. E taught for 18 years before she finally decided to call it quits.

"I just want to have more time to go fishing with my husband and enjoy life with my children and grandchildren," Mrs. E admitted, "I won't miss lunchroom duty, but I will miss smiling faces of students ready to learn about nutrition, housing, and life."

Over the years, she became very close to some teachers, including Mrs. Kirk, who worked with her for 16 years in the department.

"When you work so closely with someone for 16 years, you begin to think alike and just know that you can complement each other so well," Kirk later added.

"I have worked for a wonderful 'Boss' - Mr. Fetty. I appreciate his support for the past 18 years," Mrs. E said thankfully.

Somehow the department will go on, but changes were in store. There were budget cuts, and the school was not sure whether or not they were going to replace Mrs. E.

"This will be a huge loss for the program. Several of the high school classes won't be offered such as Housing and Adult Living. I would like to offer a split program to introduce students to both of the areas, but this might be difficult to implement," Mrs. Kirk said, "but, I wish Mrs. E her health and happiness."



SHARING A LAUGH WITH THE CLASS, Mrs. Ruth Eskilson teaches a lesson about nutrition along the way. Whether it's watching the hallways or helping students make culinary wonders, "Mrs. E." leaves a legacy of students prepared to face the domestic issues of their lives.



you'll feel the power

when that dodge ball slams off the side of your face

by Josh Canarini

GYM CLASS: IT'S A NIGHTMARE FOR
some and a playground for others.

"Gym is my wonderland in which I enjoy sharing with the youth of America," Coach Ron Szanyi said.

"Those who listen and learn can benefit from it for many years to come."

"Ha, ha, haaa—I love blasting all of the weak, little, innocent eighth graders in the face with a volleyball during pinball," gym aide Dan Shipman deviously laughed after smacking one his 23 junior high kids with a taped-up volleyball.

Since Szanyi took over Phys Ed nearly four years ago, much has changed in the class. Kids now have the option of buying their own gym uniforms, for example.

"Gym uniforms are not all that has changed. Mr. Szanyi's gut has bloated to an enormous size," aide Ryan Niemeyer joked. "He used to be in some kind of shape, plus he can't do more than 20 push-ups anymore."

"Due to the lack of competition by students such as Niemeyer and Shipman, my motivation to stay in shape has declined drastically," Szanyi countered. "However, if I fall to the level where I can no longer curl their combined bench press total, I will once again work out."

On the other hand, the girls' phys ed classes remained the same as in the past.

"We've been doing the same things since junior high. It's so boring sometimes," freshmen Bridgette Castner said regarding her experiences. "I wish we could try playing that pinball game. It really sounds like fun, brutal but fun."

The girls have had the same system of gym class for a long time under Bonnie Beamer and Carol Grady. Both also teach health classes.

"The only change I've noticed in the last few years is that the girls are becoming less cardiovascularly fit than they have been in the past," Mrs. Beamer noted, "so we have to try and do more fun things with them, like playing games."

"I know one thing they can change," Niemeyer added, "let's make gym class co-ed!"



SHOWING THE JUNIOR HIGH
gym class his "skills," Mr.
Szanyi follows through on his
volleyball delivery. Friday
"Pinball," along with many
other games, have become
favorites and traditions in
"Mr. Szanyi's Neighborhood."
otherwise known as boys' P.E.



Physics class takes stock in parking lot 'G-Whizz' test

By Jeff Yardley

To further show that physics can be applied to real-life situations, Mr. Robert Krol took his class out to the back parking lot. There, with horizontal velocity gages and stopwatches, his physics class measured how many "g-forces" can be

produced by an accelerating car. The test subjects were seniors Kyle Dil, Nate Bartels, and junior Dan Shipman all packed into Kyle's car.

Science Olympiad competition becomes a real learning experience

By Josh Canarini

First-year jitters hit Hanover's Olympiad team

As Mr. Robert Gray explained, "The Science Olympiad is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education."

"Once a year there is a regional competition," he noted, "(and my job) is to prepare the students for those events

that they (or I) select in." It was a challenge.

The team did not have

ral year, finishing third out

"I think that we all learned a lot. It was our first year competing, and we didn't do that good, but we had a good time," junior Amanda May added. "I think that we need to better prepare ourselves for next year because we weren't really sure what to expect."

There was an opportunity for two teams, grades 6-8, which had no members, and the high school team that consisted of 15 members. They each had to fill in the roles for each event.

"There are 23 events each year that deal with the four major branches of science (biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science). Different events deal with knowledge, equipment skills, concept development, problem solving, and construction," Mr. Gray concluded.



to compete for everyone, a great inaugu-
of five.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
Front: Jaime Smith,
Lindsay McDonald,
and Nicki Panozzo.
Middle: Eric Yukon,
Peyton Finley, Rick
Golden, Elizabeth
Gonstrowski, Loren
Aesler, and Amy Gley.
Back: Amanda May,
Matt Eberle, Mr.
Robert Gray, sponsor;
Dan Meehan, Dan
Haake, and Ryan
Maloney.

Science Fair kept alive with a single project

by Josh Canarini

And the winner
is...Paul Metz.

Paul didn't
exactly have
a lot of
competition
going
into

"Does the viscosity ratio of different weight oil change due to colder temperatures?"

When no one else in the school had any interest of entering the fair, one kid stood up and let the school ride on his shoulders. His project answered the question,

"I wanted to do a quality project and represent our school well at the Regional Science Fair and have

the science fair. There were exactly zero other participants.

"It was disappointing to see the lack of interest at the high school level this year," Metz said. "It's nice to be the best in the school, but it takes the glory away when there is no competition. I like to think I would have won no matter how many entries."

a chance to go to state. Also, there are a lot of scholarships and awards given out at the Regional Science Fair," Metz continued.

Over the last few years, interest in the science fair has dropped. It finally hit rock bottom with one entry.

"People don't care about the science fair," Metz explained, "I think they are oblivious to the fact that the science fair exists."

Lack of time may have also contributed in the decline of entries.

"Some people

are too busy with other activities, such as academic teams. It's difficult to keep up and be in a lot

of things and still be able to produce a quality project," a "lonely" Metz concluded as the science fair drew to an end.

"SURFIN' THE NET" DIDN'T REQUIRE A BOARD, OR even water. All it needed was a computer and a quick mind for science. The 13 points earned, led by junior medal winner Dan Haake, gave the Science Olympiad team an extra boost to jump into third overall in their division.

FLASHING HIS THOUGHTFUL SMILE, freshman Paul Metz promotes his science fair project. Having the only high school project in the competition, he automatically went on to Regionals at Purdue Calumet.



SCIENCE ACADEMIC TEAM: Front: Amy Gley, Amanda May, and Kelly Garrett. Back: Nicki Panozzo, Rickey Golden, Dan Haake, and Robert Gray, sponsor.

In search of light

Some things happened without much attention given to some organizations or teams. Namely, the academic teams in preparing for their Academic Bowls, which focused on the "Age of Enlightenment".

"The Age of Enlightenment was the era of history that led directly to the American Revolution," junior Dan Haake explained. "In this period (early 1600s to near 1800), many scientific laws and formulas were postulated. Newton's Laws of Gravity were some of the most recognizable topics in this event."

However, some of the science aspects gave the team difficulty. Maybe it was a case of "Murphy's Law" at work: If anything can go wrong, it will.

"Newton formulas and optics formulas were impossible, even for Mr. Krol," Haake said.

Regarding his team's efforts, Haake joked, "At least we got a good laugh out of it."

art club moves ahead

and it wasn't a bust

by Ike Boyer

ART CLUB MEMBERS, consisting of numerous art-hungry students, bussed their way up to Chicago attempting to soak up as much cultural and architectural information as they could on their two, day long field trips.

The first of the two trips, took the students to the lake side carnival and museum at Navy Pier. One of the biggest attractions at Navy Pier was the giant ferris wheel that overlooked Lake Michigan, and offered an equally impressive view of the Chicago Skyline.

"Looking out at Lake Michigan from the Navy Pier ferris wheel was an awesome experience that I will never forget," senior Justin Titak said.

Their second adventure took them on a sightseeing tour of the many different architectural designs located in Chicago.

"The tour we took of Chicago was informative



ART CLUB Front: Trina Bolger, Becky White, Rebecca Spindler, Emi Mastey, Jessica Barrett, and Jessica Pralle. Row 2: Jackie Andrews, Jen Baacke, Danielle Walton, Claudia Reyes, Jessica Baldino, Jaime Smith, and Becky Arwood. Row 3: Emily Rawlins, Christy Haduch, Amy Gley, Rhee Brown, Nicki Panozzo, and Katie Smit. Back: Kristen Swiderski, Jenni Wallace, Amanda May, Ann Horton, Melissa Demopoulos, Diana Swift, and Mr. Louis Greer, sponsor.

WITH AN INTERESTING PIECE of artwork as a backdrop, junior Amanda May, Jackie Andrews, Nicki Panozzo, and Becky Arwood take a rest at Navy Pier. An annual trip for the Art Club, the Navy Pier field trip gives students a glimpse at modern art and several galleries.

and educational," senior Andrew Pittman explained, "I learned a lot about the history of Chicago through the style, placement, and design of the architectural foundations spread throughout the Windy City."

Fund raising allowed the art department to obtain new state-of-the-art equipment that would allow them to do more technologically advanced art work, such as a digital camera that would allow photography to become a new alternative to the basic sketching and painting projects involved with art class.

Guest speakers offered a career outlook into the art field, and gave an insight on the many ways to perceive different styles of art.

"Art Club is a stimulating and informational group in which students at Hanover can learn and enrich their lives from," Pittman concluded.





TAKING A GLIMPSE AT SOME artwork, senior Dominick Kortokrax spends some quality time at the Art Institute of Chicago.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
Academic Awards Night, senior Justin Titak receives a top award from Mr. Lou Greer. The department recognizes large numbers of students, regardless of grade level, for their talents. The high school art department makes success possible with computers, digital cameras, and teachers who want to develop students' talents.



More involvement with different perspectives on academics

You could see it in their eyes, even if they couldn't see it in anyone else's—pursuit of academic understanding. Whether it was for better understanding of the human condition or social surroundings, students learned to see the world in a different light.

SOCIAL STUDIES ACADEMIC TEAM

Front: Chris Parker and Charlie Sears. **Back:** Melissa Demopoulos, Claudia Reyes, Dan Haake, and coach Mrs. Pamela Roberts.



To get a better feel for student concerns for the environment, The Key passed out 200 surveys gathering opinions from two homerooms from each grade. By weeding out the few bad survey papers from those that were returned, 100 surveys were tallied for our totals.

The surveys showed that many of the students recycle their pop cans and paper at school. That was about the extent of school recycling. They are also concerned with littering and a dirty lake.

When asked if they had suggestions for saving the earth, the answers varied.

"I think we need to enforce recycling more with laws," one student remarked.

"We shouldn't waste as much. We should reuse everyday things like paper and plastic bags," another respondent answered.

"More teaching on the environment (should be done). Laws should be made to make recycling a must," yet another said.

Other students thought that banning the use of polystyrene and other CFC-emitting products is part of the solution.

"(People should) be aware of their environment and care about it by being courteous. (We should) not blow off the beauty of the world that God has given us."

However, others offered alternative solutions. "Everyone should watch Captain Planet," one student proposed. Teaming up with the Environmental Club, Hanover tried hard to give the planet a little boost.

survey by Jeff Yardley

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND how it feels to be visually impaired, the special education department covered a pair of glasses with petroleum jelly. Junior Sandy Wilbarger has fun with them in a not-so-serious demonstration during the department's Disability Fair.



Are we doing enough to clean the environment?

no	91%
yes	9%

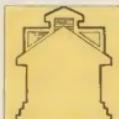


Should local farmland be sold to make subdivisions?

no	87%
yes	3%

Do you recycle at school?

yes	42%
no	15%
sometimes	58%



Should pesticides and herbicides be used even if they could harm humans or pets?

no	75%
yes	25%



Are you worried about landfills near your community?

no	43%
yes	57%



Do you think it is important to recycle?

no	5%
yes	95%



Should anything be done to help save the earth?

no	9%
yes	91%



Despite a decline in population, one student club refuses to become an endangered species

by Josh Canarini

We do not inherit the land from our ancestors, we persevere it for our children," a wise Navajo Indian once said to the men who were chopping down the land before his people. "Land is not for one man to enjoy, but for all."

Each year the Environmental Club takes action to help save or preserve a little bit of nature.

"We have 'Pennies for the Rain Forest,' we participate in 'The March for Parks,' and even helped the Park Department build a park," sponsor Robert Krol said.

The Environmental Club managed to save four acres of rain forest. That brought the total up to approximately 30

FILLING THE BINS WITH aluminum cans to be recycled was a major project for just one person, so Mr. Robert Krol received some assistance from senior Jake Vianen. Many students dropped their cans into the bins to promote the "Return-A-Can" program. However, some kids saved their cans to get a reduced admission price at Great America, where the cans were later recycled.

acres over the past 10-15 years.

Not only were they productive but they had a good time.

"I'm in Environmental Club because I care about the environment and how people treat it," Brian Bugajski explained, "It's a fun club if you're interested in helping the environment."

There was only one sign of "deforestation" for the Environmental Club: the number of club members dropped and their accomplishments were scaled down a little from past years.

"Last year was a little better than this year. It felt like we did more," Bugajski added, "We continue to help our community as much as we can, everyday."

Finding a club or group was a challenge in high school and finding one to keep at the top of the priority list was even harder.

"It's been a tough year. Kids were involved in many other activities and the environment appeared to be their last priority," Mr. Krol stated, "I'll continue to suggest things to do and keep trying to get people involved, however."



THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB Front: Jessica Banis, Cory Knutson, Pam Peterson, Lauren Rayburn, and Lisa Gonsiorowski. Back: Margie Brewer, Kelly Bradke, Dan Haake, Jon Deenik, and Mr. Robert Krol, sponsor.

WITH THE SWING CHOIR and choir alumni joining in, the concert choir sings Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." A traditional favorite among past choir members, the "Hallelujah Chorus" brings them back to sing on Hanover's stage once again.



Hot air put to good use as band places first at contest

by Ike Boyer

A first place finish at contest was a great accomplishment for the band members, but just hearing their long practiced pieces come together was just as rewarding.

"Receiving a first at contest was great," senior Cheryl Allen said, "but my favorite part of band is when we've been practicing a piece, and it finally falls together and sounds great."

Some multi-talented band members learned to play several instruments over their years

in the school band. Learning to play one instrument was hard enough, but just imagine learning how to play nine.

Band director John Gorball had an earful as he taught junior Bob Kolada.

"I have been in band since seventh

grade," Bob said. "I have learned to play the trumpet, clarinet, bass clarinet, tuba, trombone, electric bass guitar, bass drum, french horn, and mainly baritone."

While some band members have played since grade school,

the inspiration that came from many famous musicians kept them playing throughout high school.

"No one actually inspired me to begin playing the trumpet, but jazz greats such as Louis Armstrong and

Dizzy Gillespie inspired me to keep at it," Allen concluded.

Concert choir, led by Linda Beard, was a choir with a surplus of freshmen and sophomores. They performed at the Fall, Christmas, and Spring shows. Madrigals, a small group of singers who perform without accompaniment, chose to stand out and show off their skills.

One of the highlights of the Christmas concert was when alumni from previous years' choirs show up to join the combined Swing Choir and the Concert Choir for Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

"It's always fun to sing with the 'old guys,'" junior Jeff Yardley said, "When your sheet music you're holding vibrates from the strong basses around you, you know that you're singing with the best."



TRYING HIS BEST TO direct the concert choir is freshman Jon Howe. Though the antics of some choir members may have miffed him a little, the crowd got a good laugh.



MARCHING AT THE
Lowell Labor Day Parade.
Junior Jason Fair and
freshman Matt Wlarda fill
in the trombone section.
Along with the Pom Cats,
the band stepped-off a fine
performance in not-so-fine
weather for the longest
running Labor Day parade
in Indiana.



CONCERT BAND **Front:** Lisa Gonsiorowski, Michelle Borger, Tiffani White, Jerry Way, Lauren Chen, Amanda May, Beth Wendlinger, Lisa Samuels, and Jessica Baldino. **Middle:** Veronica Baggerly, Rachel Laud, Amanda Koeling, Stephanie Huppenthal, Jana Rinearson, Bobbie Jo Burke, Ada Anderson, and Rich Thomas. **Back:** Ryan Maloney, Jesse James, Nick Marchand, Cheryl Allen, Jason Fair, Melanie Brumbaugh, Richard Baacke, Chris Webb, Robert Kolada, Bill Kolada, Lauren Ryburn, Cecil Pendleton, Anthony Rodriguez, Stacey Ploskonka, Mike Case, Chris Parker, Jeremy Deenik, and Erin Maloney.



PEP BAND **Front:** Lisa Gonsiorowski, Michelle Borger, Tiffani White, Jerry Way, Lauren Chen, Amanda May, Beth Wendlinger, Lisa Samuels, and Jessica Baldino. **Middle:** Lisa Smith, Rachel Laud, Amanda Koeling, Stephanie Huppenthal, Jana Rinearson, Bobbie Jo Burke, and Ada Anderson. **Back:** Ryan Maloney, Melanie Brumbaugh, Richard Baacke, Chris Webb, Robert Kolada, Bill Kolada, Lauren Ryburn, Cecil Pendleton, Stacey Ploskonka, Mike Case, Chris Parker, Jeremy Deenik, and Erin Maloney.



WORKIN' IT DURING
his solo on "Uptown Girl," senior James Crist belts out the lyrics to an audience member. A four-year veteran, Crist enjoyed many good times in Swing Choir.

STARTIN' THE NIGHT
off right with "Set The Night To Music," the Sound Express ends with a starburst. The energy-packed show is always a favorite with both the choir and the community.



PROUDLY DISPLAYING both their newly hemmed uniforms and their smiling faces, the Sound Express sings the Christmas song from Anastasia, "Once Upon A December." The outfits weren't finished by the fall concert, so the audience was left in suspense until the Christmas concert to see the debut of the sparkling outfits.

Latest edition of Sound Express on track with another 'Spectacular' year

by Josh Canarini

When the piano started playing and the drums started pounding, the Sound Express started swinging with skill. Just like any other year, they held their three annual shows, Fall, Winter, and Spec, but there was something different about this group something special.

"We had this chemistry. It was weird. We trusted each other so much. I've never been on a team or in a class as close as our choir was," senior Nicci Carroll said.

"I'm gonna miss it even though I was only in it for one year," she said.

The choir started the year off with their fall concert where they performed songs such as "Uptown Girl" and "I Got the Music." They performed boldly, with few mistakes. The experience, though new to the first year members, showed little nervousness on their part.

"What I liked best about Swing Choir can best be described by quoting Elwood Blues from the Blues Brothers 2000," first-year



member and freshman Charlie Sears continued. "No pharmaceutical product could ever equal the rush you get when the band hits that groove, the people are dancin', shoutin', swayin', and the house is rockin'!"

Next they went into the winter program, and brought forth the HC alum for the annual offering of "The Hallelujah Chorus." The alumni, along with the choir, tore up the audience.

"I've never heard anything quite that loud at any choir concert I've ever been to. It sounded good too," audience member Tammi Boersma stated, "I think it really was a nice way to end the concert, which was performed so well."

The memories had been made.

"I can't pick out my favorite moment of this year because this whole year was my favorite moment," senior Kira Brownd said.

"Between staying in the hotel (at contest) with Pam, Michelle, and Becky and Spec practice, I will never forget this year and all the memories we made."

But the memories had to be put on hold during the many long, strenuous hours of work that went into the making of the annual

Swing Choir Spectacular.

"At the beginning of the year we didn't think Spec would be that good, but we worked our butts off and proved ourselves wrong," Kira added later.

The year came with another first. The choir had their own Internet website devoted to the choir and the Spring Spectacular. The show was great, and in the opinion of a lot of people, it was the best in years.

"I think it was the best Spec I've ever performed in, and I've been doing this for four years," James Crist admitted. "But if I could do one thing over I would have loved to do a duet with (varsity track coach) Steve Foulds. Seriously though, I was really proud of the group this year."

When the last show was finally over, and the seniors shed their last tears, the audience gave them a standing ovation. It was the conclusion to a great year and the last time any one would see the traditional Spec sign with a 19** logo on it.

"I just want to know how they're gonna fix the sign for next year, when they have to put a 2000 on it," James concluded.

Whatever it is, it will be on the right track.



SHOWING OFF THE WONDERFUL choreography that the male contingent of the Swing Choir can develop, junior Josh Verbisch dances to "Uptown Girl" at the fall show. All the choreography was worked out by the choir members, and mostly by the girls. The boys, however, got their shot every so often, and the audience seemed to enjoy the comic relief that the boys' song brought.



THOROUGHLY ENJOYING themselves during one of the opening numbers of Spec, seniors Pam Peterson and Bill Bissett have been swinging in the Sound Express since their freshman year. They saw many people come and go, but now they were the ones to leave. As usual, the final performance, on Sunday, was a tearful one. They, along with the other seniors, received a standing ovation after "A Special Place," the traditional senior song of Spec.



SOUND EXPRESS Front: Nicci Carroll, Cory Knutson, Dave Csuk, and Heidi Govert. Row 2: Tony Brainer, Emi Mastey, Kira Brownd, Jenni Connor, and Aaron Itczak. Row 3: Sandi Allen, Bill Bissett, Stephanie Geraci, Charlie Sears, Brienne Sheehy, and Jeff Yardley. Back: Ryan Niemeier, Michelle York, Brian Schreiber, James Crist, Pam Peterson, Tony Kretz, Dan Sullivan, and Becky Scherer. Not pictured: Director Linda Beard.

hasta la vista

an original signs off

by Ike Boyer

WORKING WITH TEENAGERS was not the easiest job in the world, but that was the career Mr. Jack Granger decided to pursue. Mr. Granger was Hanover's first and only Spanish teacher, who excelled in teaching foreign culture and language. He also sponsored the National Honor Society. But after 34 years, Mr. Granger finally called it quits.

"It's been a good ride, but it's time to get off," Mr. Granger said in recalling his years of teaching.



WITH THE NEW "GRADE Quick" program on his computer, Mr. Jack Granger uses the multi-task software to take attendance. He was one of just a few teachers who used the program for attendance in the first semester, but all teachers recorded grades with the new computer program.

WITH SOME EFFORT, AMBER McDonald, a sophomore, shoves a forkfull of ice cream in her mouth. After reading children's stories to little Hispanic children, Mr. Granger's Spanish classes went to *Casablanca*, an authentic Mexican restaurant in East Chicago.

Students taking Mr. Granger's class got a lot more out of their Spanish than just a second language.

"His class got pretty hard sometimes," freshman Eric Mantel said, "but from time to time he would give us good information on the history and everyday life of the Spanish culture."

If you stayed somewhere for as long as Mr. Granger was at Hanover, then something must have kept him coming back every day. Practicing what he preached really helped. If students were to learn about the countries and cultures, they should experience them first-hand. So, Mr. Granger voluntarily sponsored and escorted trips to Mexico and Spain for those who took Spanish for at least two years. It was a winning formula.

"I really enjoyed the people I worked with, students and teachers," Mr. Granger said. "They made the job nice and easy."

Taking a break from the daily grind and the stress of chaperoning international trips was what Mr. Granger said he wanted to do.

"I'm really looking forward to moving to Western Kentucky, spending time with my wife, enjoying our hobbies, traveling," he concluded, "and not having a rigid schedule."



WITH AN EXPECTANT LOOK of anticipation, Mr. Jack Granger listens to a student's question regarding these Spanish figurines. Mr. Granger decorated his room with examples of global culture in the real world and emphasized that Spanish influences were not found only in Spain.

USING ALL HIS MIGHT, Kyle Dill, a senior, tries to break the piñata to reach the candy inside. Unfortunately, Kyle didn't break it open. It was sophomore Brian Bugaski who was the the lucky person to break the piñata during the Cinco de Mayo celebration.



across the border

and also just next door

by Ike Boyer

SHARING BORDERLINES, France and Spain have languages that are closely related. The foreign language classes at Hanover, however, incorporated different methods of teaching. Veteran teacher Jack Granger was combined book work with finding examples of Spanish in the real world. He took his class to an East Chicago school to read children's stories in Spanish to hispanic children.

Mrs. Connie Gramit, however, tried to teach her students French with a little fun involved. Early in the year, she traveled to Valparaiso University with some of her students for the French Olympics where they brought home some first places in a variety of fun activities.

The Spanish classes countered with the bold, witty style of student teacher Steve Gustas. The understudy was so successful, he was eventually hired by the school corporation to replace Mr. Granger, who retired at the end of the year.

The style of teaching didn't matter, though. Whether serious or a little more laid back, foreign languages were taught with skill.



It's a matter of style with lots of substance

Regardless of teaching methods, Social Studies strives for a clearer vision

Learning wasn't just about books, notebooks, and pencils. Well, maybe notebooks if you were in one of Mr. Greg Whitacre's U.S. History classes. He chose to give notes over important events in history, and then discuss what the information

meant and what effect the event had on history.

"It's a different style of teaching and I like it because I feel it can prepare students for boring lectures from college professors, though Whitacre isn't all that boring," junior Jeff Yardley said.

Mr. Whitacre did

use the standard U.S. History textbooks in his class though, and some students didn't appreciate that.

"I think he (Whitacre) used the textbooks for reading assignments to teach his students some of the less important knowledge that wasn't included in his notes," explained junior Daniel Haake.

Mr. Larry Govert also taught U.S. History, along with U.S. and World

Geography. He had his students draw maps of the different sections of the world and individual U.S. states.

"The most fun part of the class was when we had to do projects on the individual states," junior Lynda Szanyi commented, since she had the class last year, "Me and Lynne (Bohling, now a senior) both got

"A's since both our moms can cook."

CAREFULLY CHECKING the accuracy of his blown-up map to that of an atlas, sophomore Brian Bugajski sketches his continent with confidence. Mr. Govert's World and U.S. Geography classes relocated to the cafeteria so there would be enough room for the large maps.



Department faculty comment on a snapshot of current events

by Jeff Yardley

To get a better feel for how they viewed the state of the world, The Key asked social studies teachers to rank several current events in order of social (societal) importance. Mr. Larry Govert and Mr. Greg Whitacre returned the surveys and commented on the issues.

Mr. Govert said he thought that the Kosovo situation was the most important issue because it could affect the entire world, mainly Serbians, Muslims, and Christians living throughout the world.

Mr. Whitacre explained his top choice by narrowing the focus of "the world."

"It's hard to place the death of 15 over, in importance, the death of tens (or possibly hundreds) of thousands and the homelessness of a hundred thousand others; and, in fact, in the world scope of things, it (the shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado) is not. But, given . . . the 'world' in which we spend most of our day (i.e. school and students/youth), perhaps it is justifiable to give this issue our main focus."

The Issue

The Issue	Govert	Whitacre
The Serbian/Albanian conflict in Kosovo*	1	2
Columbine, Colorado, school shootings	2	1
India/Pakistan nuclear tests	3	3
Chinese espionage of U.S. atomic secrets	4	7
American Stock Market boom	5	9
Y2K computer bug threatens disruption	6	6
Europe begins "Euro" monetary system	7	8
U.S. vs Microsoft antitrust suit	8	5
Pres. Clinton/Monica Lewinski scandal	9	4

*The war in Kosovo ended in mid-June after this survey was taken, with United Nations troops enforcing the peace.



So many teachers, so many different contrasts in teaching style. Some seniors preferred Ann Thompson over John Brindley for Government and some chose it the other way around. Or perhaps you chose Mr. Govert over Mr. Whitacre because you couldn't handle his unique teaching style. Or maybe the students didn't really care who they had as long as there were

friends to talk to. "I didn't really care who I got for Government and Economics as long as my friends were in the same class," senior Ryan Andrews said, "having friends in the same class made it more fun to take tests, if you get my drift."

Still others were affected by the variety of teaching styles.

"I'm glad I got Mr. Whitacre for U.S. History. We had a day called 'Western Day'. It was to add fun and gives us a break from notes and the book," junior Wesley Watkins explained.

So, whether by lecture or hands-on methods, learning was presented in ways that most students could enjoy.

Social Studies was a busy department. There were many tests to be taken and notes to learn, but there

was also an occasional field trip. Miss Thompson took her senior class to Indiana University Northwest for an all-day seminar called "The IUN Citizenship Program."

"I thought it was a great experience. The only bad part was at the beginning. This lady was introducing all the other schools, like Gavit, Westside and some others, and when she said Hanover Central they all started booing at us," senior Nate Bartels said. "I guess we must have did something wrong ...like beat them in sports or something, but it was still interesting because we were given a look at all these

problems and choices (such as crime and violence, career opportunities, and drugs) we have to solve and make respectively."

According to senior Trisha Roberts, Miss Thompson fit in like a kid because, "she was having so much fun--she's so cute."



LEARNING HOW
pre-historic cultures
made primitive tools.
Mike Wick, in Mr.
Greg Whitacre's World
History class, found
rocks, broke and
sharpened them
against other rocks
to try his hand as a
toolmaker.

The irony of freedom is that it isn't truly free

by Jeff Yardley

In a time when freedom was so easy to take for granted, the Veterans' Day ceremony continued at Hanover to remind students of the ultimate sacrifice that men and women made to ensure their freedom, prosperity, and basic human rights. This page is dedicated to that day and offers an excerpt from U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Dean Zenoni's speech to commemorate the occasion.

SHOWCASING THE COLORS, the Pom Cats open the annual Veterans' Day assembly. The crowd maintained respect and reverence while the colors were being presented. While many other area schools took the day off, Hanover chose to remain in session and celebrate the significance of the day.

FOR A FEW YEARS NOW, Staff Sergeant Dean Zenoni has given Hanover the gift of eloquent speech, no matter what the occasion. Veterans' Day was no exception when he delivered a patriotic essay honoring those who have died in battle.

You belong to your country as you belong to your own mother.

If I have to lay an egg for my country, I'll do it.

We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.

Too many people expect wonders from democracy, when the most wonderful thing of all is just having it.

None who have always been free can understand the terrible fascinating power of the hope of freedom to those who are not free.

We have enjoyed so much freedom for so long that we are perhaps in danger of forgetting how much blood it cost to establish the Bill of Rights.

The greatest honor which this nation can bestow upon the "unknown hero" would be to live for the things for which he died.

Let freedom never perish in your hands, but piously transmit it to your children.



TRUMPETING THE TRADITIONAL "Taps," junior Melanie Brumbaugh contributes to the program. Her solo was followed by a moment of silence for all veterans.

SENIOR JON DEENIK reads a patriotic poem after Vietnam veteran Wilbur Cox spoke about his war-time experiences.

Student Council keeps the school cool

by Ike Boyer

If you liked being busy, had plenty of patience, and excess energy, you would have fit right in with the Hanover Central Student Council members.

"Student Council was tons of work, but in the end I think it just made me enjoy everything that much more after we worked so hard on whatever we did," secretary Christy Bilinski said.

Of their many projects members said, planning for Homecoming was the hardest, and in the end, the most exciting assignment of the year.

"It wasn't easy, but I had the most fun getting ready for Homecoming," Bilinski added. "I'll never forget choosing the tiara and crown, picking out decorations, selecting the photo background, and deciding on a theme."

Throughout the year they tried their hardest to make sure every assembly they organized ran smoothly and

problem free. The Student Council members were in charge of organizing the Blood Drive, Homecoming, Spirit Games, all of the dances, and the Veterans' Day Assembly.

Veterans' Day started off with the pledge of allegiance led by Pam Peterson and the National Anthem sung by the Swing Choir. Speakers such as Ada Anderson, Vietnam veteran Wilbur Cox, Jon Deenik, and Staff Sergeant Dean Zenon of the U.S. Marines talked of pride and the honor of fighting and giving your life to freedom, prosperity, and the American way.

The band then entertained the school with Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." a medley of traditional American songs of pride and hope.

After a moment of silence for those who died in the field of battle, junior Melanie Brumbaugh played "Taps," creating a solemn end to a day of remembrance.

The annual spring blood drive brought in many pints of

blood to Heartland Blood Center, thanks to students who were over the age of 17.

Many posters decorated the hallways throughout the year, announcing a dance for either Valentine's Day, Halloween, or just having fun. The Goodbye Seniors/Hello Freshman video dance was a hit for the incoming freshmen and was a nice goodbye to the ex-high schoolers.

So whether a boring night became a fun dance, or a major cause got some help from the student population, the student council was behind it, doing the right thing.



SHAKING THEIR GROOVE THING at one of the Student Council dances, Christy Bilinski and Pam Peterson (with back to camera) had lots of fun enjoying their last dances as seniors.



STUDENT COUNCIL Foreground: Michelle York. Front: Christy Bilinski, and Pam Peterson. Row 2: Kelly Garrett, Lynne Bohling, Jessica Pralle, Bobbie Jo Burke, and Ada Anderson. Row 3: Amy Gley, Tiffani White, Aaron Itczak, Claudia Reyes, and Emily Gentry. Back: Mrs. Marcia Gross, sponsor; Jon Deenik, Dan Haake, Jason Radeusz, Bill Surprise, and Melissa Demopoulos.

DONNING FEATHERS
and a not-so-pleasant face, one of the Child Development children celebrates Thanksgiving with junior Sandy Willbarger. He was unhappy for only a few minutes, as the Thanksgiving dinner changed his mood.



WHILE SITTING
nervously on Santa's lap, a little kid tells the Child Development class what he wants for Christmas. Santa, played by Brad Stooksbury, did a wonderful job filling pre-schoolers' lives with joy and hope.



ROUNDING UP ALL THE LITTLE KIDS, junior Diana Swift has an easy time. Many of the children were well-behaved, but when they first came to the class, they were so scared. Of course, that made them seem all the more cute.

Toddlers tell high schoolers to grow up

by Jeff Yardley

In the world of broken families, divorces, and unwanted babies, there wasn't much to look forward to in life.

One class that Hanover provided tried to change that mindset. The Child Development class, taught by Mrs. Jean Kirk, prepared high

school students for children, and showed them how to care for them in a loving way.

When the parents dropped their kids off at the high school, they said their goodbyes and trusted their children to a group of students. The kids didn't recognize the new faces, and sometimes got a little scared.

The prepared class reacted with loving care and patience. They soothed the unhappy children and got things off to a

good start.

On many occasions, the children came to the school. They had Thanksgiving celebrations, Christmas parties, and various other learning experiences; fun for both the children and the class.

So for a few years now, Mrs. Kirk has helped her students understand the actions of toddlers and pre-schoolers, and successfully has prepared them for future parenthood.



AVIDLY ATTENDING TO
students' questions, a
NASCAR representative
visits the Hanover auto
shop with a stock car.
Only a few students
were able to see the
race car, but they liked
what they saw.

THANKS TO LINCOLN
Tech, this beautiful
stock car was wheeled
into Hanover's garage.
This showed industrial
arts students what a
"mechanic's dream" can
turn into.



SHIELDING HIS EYES
from the flaming sparks,
junior Nathan Greer
welds away in the
metals shop. Greer,
along with others in the
small class, was one of
the few Hanover
students training to
become a metalworker
after high school.



HELPING A REAL
patient, sophomore
Kirby Heindel shadows a
physical therapist. She
was one of several
students involved in
Mrs. Carol Webb's
"Groundhog Job Shadow
Day" and learned about
possible careers by
actually participating in
a career field.

Snowball checks reality of daring to be different

Staffers help young peers make sense of a very tough world

by Ike Boyer

Operation Snowflake opened the eyes of many adolescent eighth graders and gave them a whole new perspective on the real world—a world where drugs, alcohol, and violence have all been exploited by television, movies, and newspapers.

So, if the students saw those problems on television and read about them in newspapers, why did a group like Snowball expose them to those problems even more?

"We are trying to show the kids that it's all right to be different, and they don't have to do drugs or drink alcohol to fit in," sponsor Robert Krol explained.

"There are so many other ways to make friends . . . good friends," he added.

Mr. Krol, along with his many assistants, have been running Operation Snowflake for 12 years. They gave the eighth graders a confidence boost, and made it easier for some students to just be themselves.

One of the many performances at Operation Snowflake was the Celebrate Life skit.

"Celebrate Life hopefully showed the kids that taking risks can damage your life, and sometimes even end your life," senior Kira Brownd said.

Getting the right message across to an auditorium full of hyper eighth graders wasn't an easy accomplishment for Snowball members.

"I had a sense of accomplishment at the end of Snowflake because all the hard work everyone had done came together," senior Cheryl Allen said, "... and you could really tell that we got through to some of the kids."

"WOOSH KA"ING DURING
afternoon energizers are
Snowball staffers Ada
Anderson and Cherri
DeRousseau. "It was worth
looking like a complete
fool, seeing that an
auditorium filled with
eighth graders was doing
the same thing," Ada said
of the energizers.



LAUREN PAWLAK AND
Jessica Pralle, in trying to lead their "small group", take a small break in small group time to look over their plans for the day. Jessica, a junior, planned the entire day, ranging from reserving classrooms for activities to organizing the large group events in the auditorium.



SNOWBALL Front: Jessica Banis, Kelly Bradke, Jon Deenik, and Jessica Pralle. Middle: Jillian Janicki, Melody Willy, Stacey Ploskonka, Emi Mastey, Lisa Gonsiorowski, Christy Brownd, and Kirby Heindel. Back: Margie Brewer, Jennifer Bunge, Amanda Koeling, Dan Haake, Stephanie Huppenthal, Sarah Jager, Cory Knutsen, Lauren Rayburn, and Mr. Robert Krol, sponsor.



BOUND IN RED RIBBON, senior Jeremiah Johnson gets in the spirit of Red Ribbon Week. Many students caught the "Red Fever" during the week, although the hallways lost their colorful decorations by the end of the first day.

MAKING AND SHARING "warm fuzzies," Breanne Sheehy directs her small group in one of Snowball's strengths: lessons in being nice, sharing, and learning to accept others despite differences.



Alternatives offered to bad choices

by Ike Boyer

High school was full of choices, and with each choice there followed a consequence. Snowball showed students at Hanover how easy it was to make the right choices, and to not have to deal with all the negative consequences of bad decisions.

For 12 years Mr. Robert Krol and the Snowball staff has offered alternative choices to drugs and alcohol for students.

Snowball members believed in substance-free lifestyles and setting good examples for other students to look up to and admire.

"There's different alternatives to drinking, smoking, doing drugs, and all that kind of stuff. You can have fun and

enjoy life without all of that garbage. Snowball members are role models, we show kids that there are people who don't do drugs and drink," senior Kira Brown said.

Going to parties and having fun was a big part of high school, but having fun didn't have to include drugs and alcohol.

"Every time I am at a party I don't feel the need to drink, because I have too many good things going for me," Brown added.

Snowball also gave students who made bad choices an opportunity to get back on the right path to making smart decisions.

"Kids who do drugs aren't bad people, they just chose to make some bad decisions, and Snowball is a way for students to start making the right choices," senior Aaron Itzak concluded.



A RETURNING FAVORITE, "Reese Does Drugs," an annual presentation, was performed by seniors Jon Deenik, Kira Brown, and Tiffany White (who is not pictured). To liven things up a bit, "Reese Does Drugs" was joined by a new production, called "Alcohol Doesn't."

a productive season

thespians 'act'-ive throughout year

by Josh Canarini

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL Spring '98 program, and even though they had to work through a blizzard, the Thespians decided it was time to prepare for some harder plays. They chose the traditional Christmas production, "A Christmas Carol," and the not-so-traditional, "Into the Woods" for the spring show. It was a remix, so to speak, of many fairy tales such as Little Red Ridinghood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel, all in one.

In December the drama club performed, almost flawlessly, "A Christmas Carol."

"It seemed like we practiced forever," Jeff Yardley said. He played the role of Bob Cratchit.

"I really liked my part because I helped define Scrooge as well as playing my own role."

Playing the lead as Mr. Scrooge was Dave Csuk.

"I loved playing that role. It showed that it was not impossible to change. I always say that, but no one ever believes me," Csuk stated, "I was just glad that I did good and didn't screw up, because we worked extremely hard."

The thespians took a large step forward with their next piece of work, "Into the Woods." It was a difficult production and they had very little time to prepare.

"It was very hard to practice if a person was gone," Yardley said. "Every role was a lead role, and all the characters interact. If someone didn't show up, the practice went (nowhere)."

"Into the Woods" had many of the same performers as in the winter production. Csuk, Ada Anderson, and Yardley returned, but it also featured a few first-timers.

"I was freaking out at first, but as the play went on it got easier and I lost some stage fright," senior Amy LaVelle conceded.

"It was great being a ravenous Little Red Ridinghood and stealing cookies on stage," Ada Anderson admitted. "But while I waited back stage I was nervous and couldn't quit eating the food in my basket."

PUTTING ON SOME FINAL
touches on Jeremy Deenik's
face is Holly Huppenthal. She
has been the make-up
department for over two
years.



STYLING THEMSELVES WITH
a smile, freshmen Stacey
Ploskonka and Erin Hackett
get ready for the fall play, "A
Christmas Carol." With a
strong showing of freshmen in
the play and some even some
younger, "A Christmas Carol"
rang out fun for all ages.



KIND OF A PRE-PLAY
ritual, senior Dave Csuk
collects his thoughts
before taking the stage
as the villainous
Ebeneezer Scrooge.
Dave was involved with
the thespians since his
sophomore year when
the group staged "Our
Miss Brooks."

CAREFULLY LISTING
things out for her
husband, Brienne
Sheely, a.k.a. the
"Baker's Wife," tells
him the items they
must find in order to
have a child. It took
long hours and hard
work to find the items,
but...you just had to
see the production to
know what happened.



a higher calling

matinees offered to high school

by Josh Canarini

"I'VE NEVER SEEN A PLAY before because I was always too busy to go at night," senior Pam Peterson said. "But this year a window of opportunity was opened for myself, as well as all the honors students. I am so thankful and grateful for matinees and the chance it gave me to view a couple of plays before I graduated."

The Drama Club made a change and instead of presenting the plays to junior high students, they decided to open the show to the high school students. Specifically, to those students who were currently on the honor roll.

"It's a good idea. It gives the actors a better chance to rehearse for the night performances and it acts as an incentive for kids to get better grades," Bob Kolada concluded.



POOR, HUNGRY, AND JUST
plain depressed, Jack's
mother tells him that he must
take life-long friend, "Milky
White," to market and sell
her. Amy Lavelle, formerly the
"Giant," played Jack's mother
in the Jack and the Beanstalk
portion of "Into the Woods."

JACK SERENADES HIS COW
for the last time before
trading for the magic beans.
Aaron Itczak, as Jack, also
was vice president of the
Thespian Society and was
involved in many productions
throughout his high school
career.

no booby prizes here

and no one went home empty-handed

by Jeff Yardley

YOU'VE WORKED MANY HOURS all year, just trying to get that "A". Well, you just happened to participate in the academic teams, spellbowl, and art club along the way. Tonight made it all worth the time and effort...Academic Awards Night. The following is a list of the various awards and scholarships that Hanover students received this special night.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ART AWARDS

Outstanding Art Students: Jamie Jenkins, Grade 9; Jeff Skorupa, Grade 10; John Swift, Grade 11; Justin Titak, Grade 12.

Art Student of the Year: Robert Wiarda

ENGLISH AWARDS

Award for Outstanding Work in Long Distance Learning: Colleen Seaton

MUSIC AWARDS

Outstanding Choral Student: Aaron Itczak

John Phillip Sousa Award: Ada Anderson

Band Boosters Senior of the Year Award:
Tiffani White

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS

French Excellence Awards: Cheryl Allen, Rebecca Spindler, Nick Kowalczyk, Heidi Govert, Jessica Banis, Christina Peters

NEWSPAPER AWARDS

Excellence in Editorial Writing: Ada Anderson

Excellence in Writing: Ada Anderson, Ann Horton, Diana Swift

Excellence in Web Design: Jen Baacke

Excellence in Movie Reviews: Nick Marchand

YEARBOOK AWARDS

Excellence in Writing: Ada Anderson, Scott Klein,

Ike Boyer, Josh Canarini

Excellence in Design: Nick Kowalczyk, Lynda

Szanyi, Jeff Yardley, Scott Klein

Excellence in Photography: Matt Eberle, Lynda

Szanyi, Dan Haake

MATH AWARDS

Outstanding Calculus Student: Jeff Kaltunas

All "A"s in Calculus: Christy Bilinski

All "A"s in Geometry: Justin Clemens, Becky Scherer, Erik Farrell, Megan Vassar

All "A"s in Honors Geometry: Adam Itczak, Amanda Koeling, Eric Mantel, Chris Parker, Adrienne Shroka

SCIENCE AWARDS

Bausch and Lomb Award: Margie Brewer

Science Olympiad Top Scorer: Dan Haake

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

Senior Social Studies Award: Diana Petros

U.S. History Excellence: Chris Stout

World History & Geography Excellence:

Tim Schotke

GENERAL AWARDS

U.S. Marine Corps Award for Distinguished

Athletes: Crystal Fisher, Ike Boyer

U.S. Marine Corps Award for Musical Excellence:

Cheryl Allen

U.S. Marine Corps Award for Scholastic Excellence:

Aaron Itczak

Girls' State Representatives: Jessica Granger, Jessica Pralle. Alternates: Melanie Brumbaugh, Christy Haduch

Boys' State Representatives: Scott Klein, Brian Schreiber, Ryan Longfellow, Dan Haake, Nick Moniak, Jeff Yardley



BEING PART OF THE
Science Olympiad, Amanda May is
recognized for her role at Awards Night. This
was the first year that Hanover participated
in the Science
Olympiad, and wet
their feet in a new
experience.

SHARING A TOUCHING
moment with choir
director Linda Beard,
Aaron Itczak receives
the Outstanding Choral
Student Award. From
"Standing Outside the
Fire" to singing to his
beloved cow in the
musical, *Into the
Woods*, Aaron will be
remembered as one of
the choral greats in
Hanover history.



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American Legion Oratorical Award: **Jon Deenik**

American Legion Top Winner Government Test:

Dan Haake

Cedar Lake Kiwanis Scholarship Award:

Tiffani White

Joseph G. Schutz Citizenship Award: **Aaron Itczak**

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award:

Christy Bilinski

St. John Junior Women's Club Scholarship:

Pam Peterson

Ken Tortorici Memorial Scholarship:

Dominick Kortokrak

Mary Jo Bishop Memorial Award: **Michelle York**

West Side Auto Scholarship: **Stacy Wyman**

Superior Honors All "A"s: **Adam Itczak** 9th, **Chris**

Parker 9th, **Erik Mantel** 9th, **Jillian Gorny** 10th,

Melanie Brumbaugh 11th, **Nick Pacific** 11th, **Ada**

Anderson 12th, **Aaron Itczak** 12th

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIPS

\$3000: **Aaron Itczak**, **Pam Peterson**

\$2000: **Jeff Kultunas**, **Ada Anderson**

\$1000: **Christina Peters**, **Tim Board**, **Sean Schutz**,
Lynne Bohling, **Michelle York**

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Christy Bilinski: \$500 Hoosier Scholar, \$300 Junior Miss, Full Four Year Tuition 21st Century Scholar, Ball State Presidential Scholar 1/2 tuition

Bill Bisset: Full Four Year Tuition 21st Century Scholar

Tim Board: \$500 Salvadore Balbo Educational Fund-Illinois Food Retailers Assoc.

Jon Deenik: Lilly Legacy Full Scholarship to Valparaiso University

Aaron Itczak: \$500 Hoosier Scholar, \$500 Aid Association for Lutherans, Ball State Presidential Scholarship 1/2 tuition, Inland ISPAT Scholarship \$2000 yearly for 4 years

Jeff Peterson: \$2000 Purdue Alumni Scholarship, \$500 Salvadore Balbo Scholarship, \$350 Purdue General Scholarship

Pam Peterson: \$400 Junior Miss

Rebecca Spindler: \$100 NW Indiana Hispanic Coordinating Council, \$200 Caesar Chavez-The Struggle Continues Scholarship, \$250 Hispanic Women's Forum & Indiana Civil Rights Comm.

Michelle York: \$1000 Junior Miss, \$100 Poise & Appearance, \$100 Performing Arts, \$100 Judge



Whether it was with friends, companions, or other 'attachments,' people linked-up for lasting connections

Being plugged in. Making the attempt to hook up with the right crowd. Seeing the link and making the right connection. Merging with the right people. The idea of being wanted and a part of something was all that mattered.

"It's very important to hang out with the right people. If you don't, you could find yourself in a lot of trouble," freshman Lindsay Sincavage noted.

Having friends who could be trusted was also important to people. If a friend could be trusted, the friend could be loved more. Trust brought closeness between friends.

"People who can be trusted, are more than likely people with good character," junior Cecil Pendleton III explained. "The kind of people you hang out with is who you'll become like."

Whether it was a quick connection for a laugh or a special moment with a special friend, there was a common bond—a link with life. Being one, whole, and intact was just part of merging with the crowd. Afterall, with a circle of truly great friends, it was hard for anyone to be a weak link.





photographed by
nick kowalczyk

photographed by
matt eberle

Truckin' along in the "Big Wheel" is sophomore Gretchen Govert. Along with Govert, sophomore Jillian Janicki and juniors Ryan Longfellow and Nick Kowalczyk took first place at Valparaiso University on a French field trip for the "Big Wheel Race."



Social acceptance of their costumes notwithstanding, senior Trisha Roberts, accompanied by juniors Josh Verbish, Ryan Niemeyer and Tammi Boersma, form a common bond. Of course, they were just having fun at the annual Halloween Dance.

BY ADA ANDERSON

TIES

Most people escape from their families for the few hours they spend at school, but for a select group of people, Hanover Central remains a tie that binds

"**ARE YOU REALLY** the French teacher's daughter?" freshman Lauren Haesler heard repeatedly in her first few days of school. Since she was a new student, and her mother, Connie Gramit, was new to the faculty, it took a few weeks for everyone to realize they were related. Once it was acknowledged, it was just another in the long list of family ties.

A variety of staff and students were related in different ways. One of the most prominent included students who attended school in the same place their parents worked. For example, boys' physical education instructor Ron Szanyi's offspring, Lynda and Todd, both went to Hanover, and library aide Barbara Kortokrax came to work with her senior son, Dominick, and sophomore son, Ben.

It was a double-edged sword for students with parents working at Hanover. "If I need to go to someone's house, my mom's right there for me to ask her," Lauren said.

"If I did something wrong, like not doing an assignment, it's harder to keep it a secret because the teachers can just go tell my mom whenever they want instead of calling home," Dominick Kortokrax explained. "It's different, but it's a good experience to have. It makes me have to behave."

Family ties kept Haesler from taking French because she didn't want to deal with frustrations concerning grades. Instead, Haesler decided to learn Spanish from Mr. Jack Granger.

Brother and sister combinations flourished, too. Chris York taught in the junior high, while his sister, Michelle, finished her high school career. Also, Scott Campbell taught while his youngest sister, Julie, was in school.

A sibling relationship tied together two faculty members. Mandy Kozlowski worked as an office secretary and her sister, Alice Walker, was the school nurse. "I love working with her (Mrs. Kozlowski) because we both have such busy lifestyles that many times, it's the only chance I get to see her," Walker explained.

Sometimes it was just nice to have someone at school from home. "I can talk to my mom between classes, and if something happens and I need someone to talk to, she's here," Haesler explained.

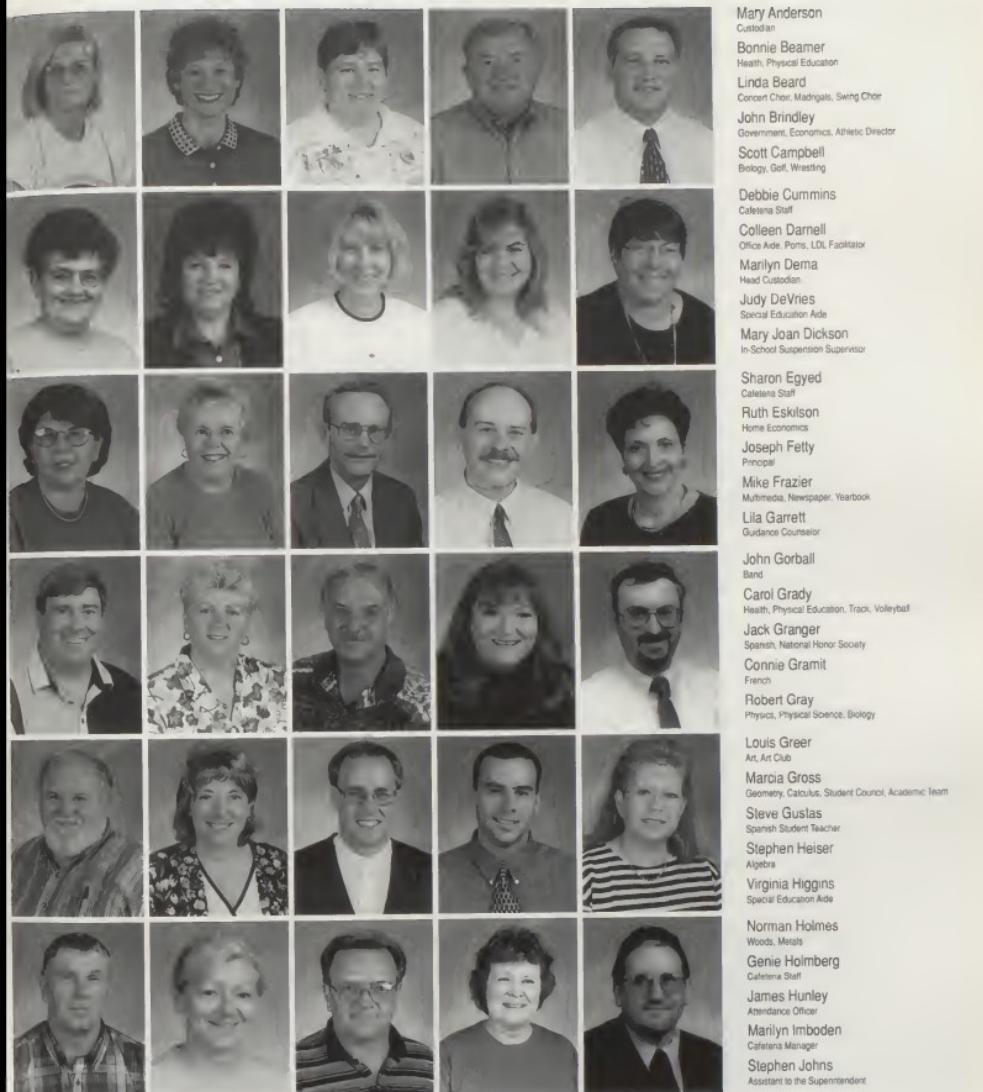
Regardless of how life was impacted for those involved, family ties remained strong in a small school where family really meant something.



WHILE CREATING LESSON PLANS, freshman Lauren Haesler and her mother, French teacher Connie Gramit, spend some quality time together. This was their first year at Hanover Central.



TAKING SOME TIME to catch up on each other's lives, library aide Barbara Kortokrax and her sons, Ben and Dominick, talk before school. "You know, that if you don't get your homework done the teachers will come to me," Mrs. Kortokrax noted in their conversation.



BY ADA ANDERSON

BURSTING THE BUBBLE

Worn out, red wire-bound grade books became yet another page in the history books for teachers when grades linked up from their computers to a central network

TEACHERS NO LONGER endured the monotonous task of shading in bubble sheets for computerized report cards because all the grades were connected to a school-wide server that automatically transferred scores to the guidance office.

The program was intended to be easier and quicker for teachers to use, but for some the process backfired. "It's been very time consuming for me, because I'm not very good with computers, but once I learn it, it'll be fine," social studies teacher Larry Govert commented.

The largest chore was simply learning the program, but once it was put into practice its benefits were shown. For athletic director John Brindley determining who was scholastically eligible for sports was once tedious and tiresome, but he said the computer-accessed grades were great because it made it easy to acquire the information.

Learning the new grading program was just a part of becoming familiar with how to work for computer-challenged teachers.

By the beginning of the school year, every teacher had a computer in their room and the administration offered various courses on their use. Other faculty members helped teachers who were unfamiliar with computers.

"I'm amazed at how much I've learned in the last year since we've got the computers in our rooms," band director John Gorball concluded. "The workshops have been good, and Mr. Whitestine has been a lot of help. I'm having fun with it; I like learning new things."

Douglas Justus
Assistant Principal

Sandra Kiechle
English, Spellbowl, Junior Class,
English Dept., Chair

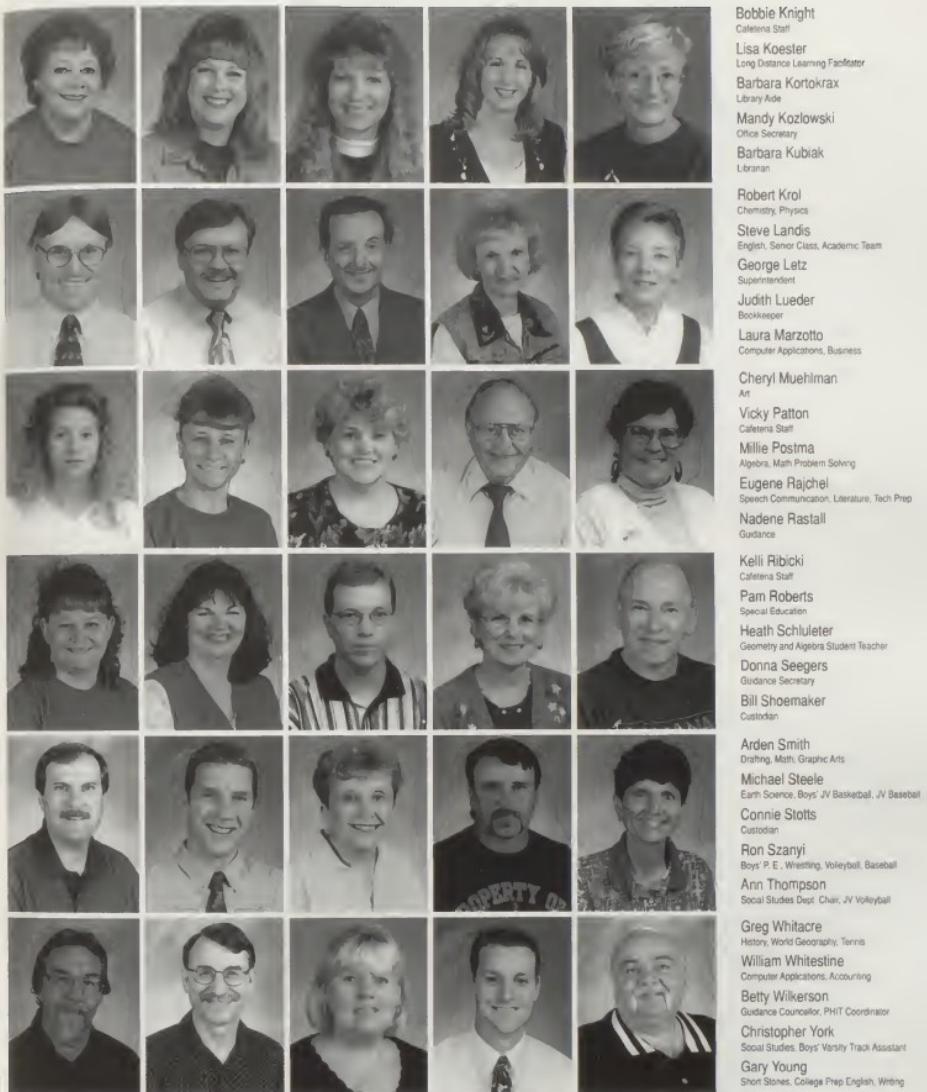
Jean Kirk
Home Economics

Hanover School Board

Front: Mrs. Joan Torrence, secretary;
Mr. Roger Pätz, president; and Mrs. Kay
Sheffey, vice president. Back: Mr. Sam
Tortone, and Mrs. Patricia Koontz



FOR ATTENDANCE, Mr. Gary Young traded the traditional attendance notepad paper for his computer. Plans called for the teachers to use a new electronic grading program, which also allowed them to take attendance using their computers.



STATUS STORIES

Cheryl Lynn Allen

Concert Band 9-12; Most Valuable Band Member 9; Student Council 12; Snowball 12; Pep Band 9-11; Environmental Club 12.

Ada Renea Anderson

Academic Team 9-10; Concert Band 9-12; ISSMA Contest 9-12; State 10; Madrigals 9-12; Yearbook Staff 12; Newspaper Staff 9-12, Editor-in-Chief 11-12; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11; National Honor Society 9, 11-12; Student Council 12; Snowball 9-12; Indiana Teen Institute Participant 9; Pep Band 9-12; Environmental Club 10-12; Thespians 9-12; Thespian Society Best Tech 11; HOBY Outstanding Sophomore 10; Academic Letter 9-12.

Ryan Andrews

Baseball 9-12; Outstanding Defensive Player in the Outfield Award.

Lori Beth Asztalos

Art Club 9-12.

Jennifer Baacke

Volleyball Manager 9-10; Basketball Manager 9-11; Track Manager 9-11, Scorekeeper 12; Academic Team Captain 11; Newspaper Staff 12; Snowball 9-12; Art Club 9-12; Environmental Club 10-11; Thespians 9-12, Stage Manager 12.

Veronica Jean Baggerly

Concert Band 9-12.

Angie Marie Baker

Madrigals 10; Cheerblock 9-10.

Jessica Barrett

Madrigals 10-12; Snowball 9; Art Club 9-12; Concert Choir 9-12; Academic Letter.

Nathan Richard Bartels

Basketball 9; Environmental Club 12; Who's Who; Academic Letter 11; Presidential Scholar.

Emily Sue Bielak

Madrigals 10

Christina Marie Bilinski

Cross Country 12; Volleyball 9-11; Basketball 9-12, Most Improved 10; Best Defensive Player 11; James W. Dold Mental Attitude Award 12; Track 9-12, All-PCC 9-12, Most Improved 10, Co-MVP in

Field Events 11, State Finalist in Long Jump 11; Homecoming Court 12; Concert Band 9-11; Hoosier Girls State Alternate 11; National Honor Society 9, 11-12; Student Council 11-12; Snowball 9; Pep Band 9; Environmental Club 11-12; Class Officer 11-12; Junior Miss 12; Co-Salutatorian.

William Carl Bisset

Basketball 9; Swing Choir 9-12; National Honor Society 9, 11-12; Snowball 9-11; Environmental Club 11.

Timothy Ray Board

Wrestling 12, Baseball 12.

Lynne Marie Bohling

Volleyball 9-12, Most Improved 12; Basketball 9-11; Softball 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; Newspaper Staff 11; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 12; Snowball 9-12; Environmental Club 10-12.

Tina Bolger

Volleyball 10, Manager 9; Softball 9-10; Art Club 9-12.

Ike Dawson Boyer

Cross Country 9; Volleyball 10-11; Basketball 9-12; Baseball 10-12, Most Improved 10, Outstanding Offensive Player 11; Golf 9; Homecoming Court 10, 12; Yearbook Staff 12; Newspaper Staff 9.

Rhea Nicole Brown

Art Club 12.

Kira Brownd

Swing Choir 10-12; Snowball 11-12; Environmental Club 11-12; Thespians 12; Junior Miss 12, Spirit of Junior Miss Award.

Brad Allen Buikema

Basketball Manager 11-12.

Anthony Burke

Basketball 9.

Josh Armando Canarini

Volleyball 9-12, Most Valuable Player 12, Best Offensive Player; Basketball 9, 11-12; Track 9-12, Most Improved Athlete 11, All-PCC Athlete 110-meter High Hurdles 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12; Yearbook Staff 9, 12; Newspaper Staff 10; Concert Choir 9; Academic Letter 11; I.U.N. Citizenship Program 12.

Nicole Marie Carroll

Pom Cats 9, 11-12, All-American Nominee 11-12; All-American 11, Drill Down Winner 12; Spell Bowl 9; Swing Choir 12; Madrigals 9-10; National Honor Society 11-12; Thespians 11-12; Junior Miss 12.

Michael Jason Cornett

Wrestling 10-12; Baseball 11.

James Patrick Crist

Basketball 9-11; Baseball 9; Homecoming Court 9, 12; Homecoming King 12; Swing Choir 9-12; Class Officer 12.

David Steven Csuk, Jr.

Thespians 10-11; Thespian Society Best Leading Actor (Scarecrow) 11; Perfect Attendance 9-11.

Jonathan Richard Deenik

Wrestling 9-10; Hoosier Boys State Delegate 11; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 10-12; Snowball 10-12; Environmental Club 10-12; Thespians 10-12, Best Supporting Actor 11; Los Amigos 9.

Melissa Ann Demopoulos

Academic Team 10-12, Yearbook Staff 9; Student Council 9, 11-12; Snowball 12; Art Club 9-12; Environmental Club 12.

Kyle Dill

Golf 10-12, Varsity Letter 11; Homecoming Court 12; Environmental Club 12.

Valerie Ann Domazet

Basketball 9; Concert Band 9-12; Swing Choir 10-12; Madrigals 9; Pep Band 9-10.

Matt William Eberle

Baseball 10-12; Science Olympiad 12; Yearbook Staff 11-12; Environmental Club 12.

Crystal Joy Fisher

Volleyball 9-12, Setting Award 11; Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12, Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Offense 10; Art Club 12; Academic Letter.

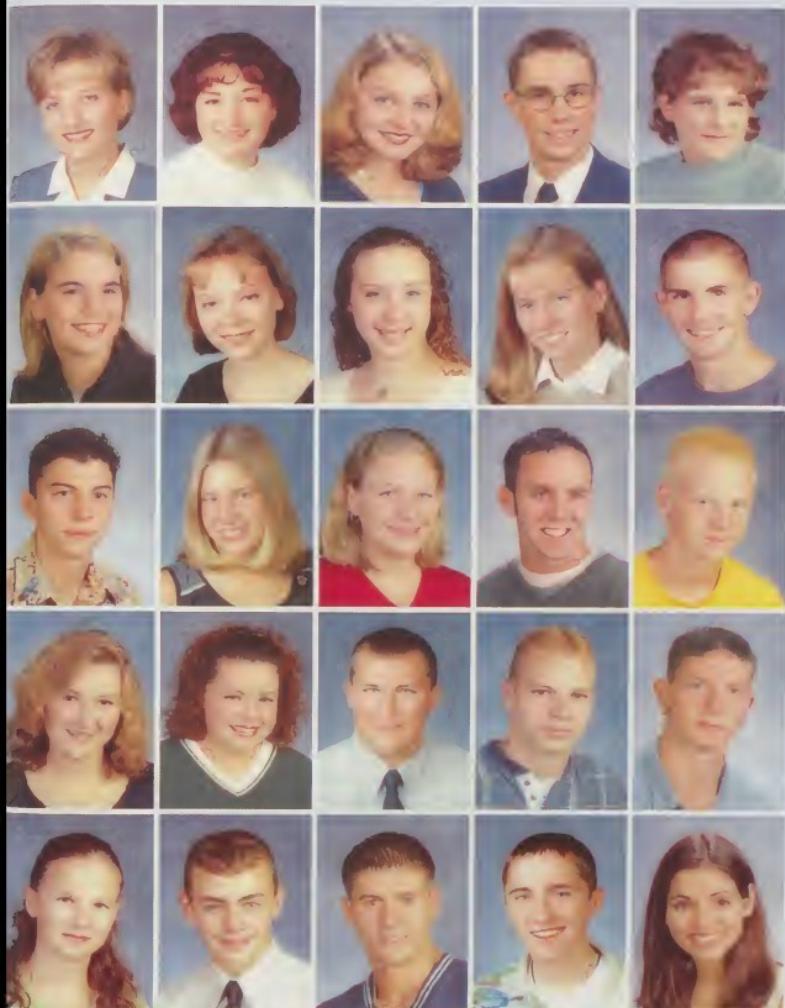
Dana Lyn Freeman

Volleyball 9-12, Captain 12; Softball 10; Pom Cats 9-12, All-American Nominee 9, 11-12, All-American 12, Captain 11-12; Junior Miss 12; Academic Letter 11-12.

Emily Anne Gentry

Golf 11, Red Devil Integrity in Athletics 11; Cheerleader 9-12, Most Spirited 9-10, Co-MVP 11; All-American 10, 12; National Honor Society 12; Student Council 11; Snowball 9-11; Environmental Club 10-11; Thespians 9.

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Cheryl Allen
Ada Anderson
Julie Anderson
Ryan Andrews
Jennifer Baacke

Angela Baker
Jessica Barrett
Emily Bielak
Christy Bilinski
William Bisset

Timothy Board
Lynne Bohling
Tina Bolger
Ike Boyer
Craig Brightwell

Rhea Brown
Kira Brownrd
Brad Buikema
Anthony Burke
Josh Canarini

Nicole Carrol
Michael Cornett
James Crist
David Csuk
Nicole Davis

PULLING THE

BY ADA ANDERSON

PLUG

Seniors disconnect from high school in a blitz of recruiting wars, college visits, and even a little volunteering, as the big reality check looms large

THERE WERE SO MANY ways seniors disconnected themselves and plugged into post-graduation life. Some decided to go straight to work after high school, some went to trade schools, some planned to enroll in college, and ambitious seniors graduated midterm and moved on early.

Seniors also had the option to attend school half day. "I come to school for four hours, and then I go to work from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Day Care. I want to go to school for child psychology so it's a good experience for my future career," senior Angela Johnson explained.

For confused graduates, the only definite answer was where they wouldn't be next year—Hanover.

"I feel pressured to decide right away; I just can't come up with one thing I want to do for the rest of my life. I'm putting it off because I'm nervous about graduating. I'm afraid college is going to be really hard and I won't be able to handle all the extra stress," senior Jessica Barrett said. She decided to attend Purdue Calumet at least until she knew which profession to pursue.

Another senior, Amy LaVelle, had a different predicament. "I'm undecided. I can go to Ball State for two years, but I'll have to transfer then to IUPUI because I'm majoring in physical therapy. I really want to go to Ball State because I like the campus and the first time I went down there, it was myself and a couple of my friends. We fell in love with it," LaVelle explained.

Decisions about the future were not taken lightly. "I took forever to decide what to do," senior Jacob Maslin said. "It always varied (between) childhood things like a doctor or a police officer, but engineering has always sounded so neat. I want to go for my masters in robotics—technical engineering."

The climax to a senior year was, indeed, graduation. Just as the seniors were charged and ready, they were unplugged. True maturity came when each individual had to find a new "socket" to plug into.



TAKING TIME OUT to help tomorrow's future, senior Angela Johnson gives a little more time to Good Shepherd Day Care. She has volunteered there since the beginning of the school year.

Seniors Not Pictured

Lori Asztalos	Derrick Noel
Veronica Baggerly	Matt Oesterle
Brenda Carlson	Phillip Parasidis
Nathan Bartels	Diana Petros
Bryan Eastling	Michael Petros
Chad Edwards	August Poppe
Jeremiah Johnson	Dan Reese
Amy LaVelle	Omar Sanchez
Joey Lison	Nick Seymour
Jacob Maslin	Rebecca Spindler
Adam Meyer	Laura Taborksi
Eliza Morgan	Justin Titak
Nicholas Mundo	Bert Wagner





Jon Deenik
Melissa Demopoulos
Duane Denisiuk
Kyle Dill
Valerie Domazet
Amy Donnelly



Matt Eberle
Crystal Fisher
Jeanine Ford
Dana Freeman
Emily Gentry
Tim Gerold



Jason Hjertquist
Aaron Itczak
Angela Johnson
Jeff Kaltunas
Christy Koby
Dominick Kortokrax



Kelly Kortokrax
Eric Krueger
Nick Marchand
Dan Meehan
Amanda Osborn
Christina Peters



Jeff Peterson
Pammi Peterson
Andrew Pittman
Jason Raduenz
Trisha Roberts

CLASS OF 1999

Antonio Rodriguez
Samantha Samuels
Mark Schilling
Kelly Schuitema
Sean Schutz



Dustin Sjoerdsma
Mike Smith
Bo Speichert
Traci Spender
Eric Spry



Bradley Stooksbury
Michael Urena
Brain VanAsdall
Jacob Viehman
Jim Wallace



Tiffani White
Rob Wiarda
Steve Wick
Jodi Wilkes
Christopher Wormhoff



Kelly Wozniakowski
Staci Wyman
Lisa Wythe
Michelle York
Joseph Young



Aaron Mark Itczak

Homecoming Court 12; Swing Choir 10-12; Madrigal Singers 9-12; ISSMA District and State First Places in Choir 11-12; Hoosier Boys State Delegate 11; National Honor Society 9, 11-12; Student Council 11-12; Snowball 10-12, Co-President 12; Indiana Teen Institute Participant 10, Staff 11; Environmental Club 10-12; Thespians 10-12; D.A.R. Good Citizen 12; Who's Who 11; Perfect Attendance 10; All A's All Year 11; High Honors 9-12; Algebra I Award 9; Algebra II Award 11; Geometry Award 10; Academic Letter 9-11; Valedictorian 12

Jeffrey Paul Kaltunas

National Honor Society 12.

Christine Marie Koby

Volleyball 10-12, All-PCC 12; Basketball 10-12, All-Mornence Tourney Team 12, All-Sectional 10; Homecoming Court 12.

Dominick Joseph Kortokrax

Track 9-12; Art Club 9-12.

Eric J. Krueger

Golf 9-11

Amy Renee LaVelle

Basketball 9-12; Thespians 12.

Joey Lison

Baseball 11.

Nicholas Ray Marchand

Concert Band 9-12; Newspaper Staff 10-12.

Daniel Michael Meehan

Science Olympiad 12; Environmental Club.

Christina Ann Peters

Pom Cats 9-10; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 10-12; Snowball 9-12; Environmental Club 9-12; Thespians 11-12; Class Officer 9-12; Junior Miss 12; Academic Letter 9-12; Co-Salutatorian.

Jeffery James Peterson

Baseball 9-11.

Pammi Lynn Peterson

Volleyball 9-12; Denise Mantel Mental Attitude Award 12; Track 9-10-12; Cheerleader 9-12; All-American 12; Homecoming Court 9, 12; Swing Choir 9-12; Madrigals 10-11; Hoosier Girls State Alternate 11; National Honor Society 9, 11-12; Student Council 9-12; Snowball 9; Environmental Club 11-12; Class Officer 9-12; Junior Miss 12.

Diana Pauline Petros

Cheerleader 9-10; Swing Choir 9-11; Madrigals 9-11; Environmental Club 9-10; Thespians 9; Concert Choir 9-11.

Michael Paul Petros

Golf 9-12.

Jason Ronald Raduenz

Academic Team 12; Student Council 12; Science Award 11; History Award 11.

Trisha Roberts

Volleyball 9-12, Setting Award 10, Best Offensive Player 11-12, All-PCC 11-12; Basketball 9-10, 12; Track 9-12, All-PCC 9-12, Co-Rookie of the Year 9, Co-MVP in Field Events 9, 11, Sectional Champion and State Qualifier of High Jump 11; Homecoming Court 10, 12; Yearbook Staff 11.

Antonio Juan Rodriguez

Pep Band 9-12.

Samantha Sue Samuels

Golf 10-12, Most Improved 11; Pom Cats 9-12.

Omar Soul Sanchez

Cross Country 9-12, All-PCC 11-12; Wrestling 12; Basketball 9; Track 9-12, All-PCC 10-12; League of United Latino American Citizens; Americore.

Kelly Ann Schulitema

Concert Choir 10.

Nicholas John Seymour

Basketball 9.

Dustin Sjoersma

Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-12, Defensive Player of the Year 11.

Bo Carl Speichert

Baseball 10-12.

Rebecca L. Spindler

National Honor Society 9, 12; Student Council 9-12; Art Club 9-12; Environmental Club 9-12; Best Prose in Indiana University Northwest's Freshman Composition Class 11; French Merit; Academic Letter; Outstanding Art Award, High School Art Show Award; Honorable Mention in Northern Indiana Art Association High School Art Show; Who's Who.

Bradley Stooksbury

Home Stars Hockey Team 11.

Justin Ryan Titak

Art Club 9-12, Class Representative 10, Vice President 11, President 12.

Michael Roman Urena

Cross Country 12; Wrestling 12; Track 11-12; Snowball 11; Art Club 9-12; Environmental Club 11.

Jacob R. Viehman

Basketball 10-12

James John Wallace

Volleyball 9-12, Best Defensive Player 12; Golf 9-12.

Tiffani Jean White

Academic Team 10-11; Concert Band 9-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 9-12; Snowball 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Environmental Club 9-12; Thespians 11-12.

Rob Wiarda

Art Club 9-12.

Steve Wick

Golf 9-11, Most Improved Player 11.

Jodi Lynn Wilkes

Poms 9.

Christopher Ryan Wornhoff

Volleyball 9-12; Basketball 9.

Lisa Marie Wythe

Softball 9-10; Snowball 9.

Michelle Joann York

Cross Country 9-12, All-PCC 9-12, Conference Champion 10, Mental Attitude Award 12, Most Improved 9, Co-MVP 10, MVP 11-12, Honorable Mention 9, 11-12, All-State 10; Basketball 9-12, Most Improved 11; Track 9-12, All-PCC 100H 9-10, 12, All-PCC 800 10-12, All-PCC 1600 & 3200 Relays 9-11, 1600 Relay 12, Co-Rookie of the Year 9, Co-MVP in Running Events 10, MVP in Running Events 11; Homecoming Court 11-12; Homecoming Queen 12; Swing Choir 9-12; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11; National Honor Society 11-12; Student Council 9-12; Class Officer 9-11; Junior Miss 12, Cedar Lake 1999 Junior Miss 12; Academic Letter 9-12; Who's Who; All-Area Academic Team 12.

Joseph Young

Baseball 9.

Editor's Note: Seniors not listed either did not turn their activity surveys in on time or turned in blank forms. Some honors earned after February 24, 1999 may not be included due to deadline constraints.

BY ADA ANDERSON

MUSCLE

Students beefed up with vigor through exercise and weight lifting while others spent their free time with less-strenuous forms of entertainment

SIX A.M. ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING. The sun peeks out over the lake, and the roads are virtually desolate and untraveled. Outwardly, the school looks empty and uninhabited, but inside at least 10 people are grunting and sweating in the weight room.

"The first couple of times it was hard to get up in the morning, but now that I got used to it, it's easy to get up at 5:30," freshman Julie Moniak explained.

Morning workouts were not a social affair. Those who got up were serious and dedicated to staying in shape. "I wouldn't wake up that early if I wasn't going to lift hard," senior James Crist explained.

"I do sit-ups, leg presses, and free weights to build up for sports. Eventually I'll feel a difference in my strength," Moniak added.

Exercise was a part of life for many students. They did everything from working out at school in the morning to taking personal fitness classes during the day. Varsity basketball coach Larry Govert explained that those who working out for basketball did increase their strength.

Crist explained he sometimes even spent time after school working out. "I work out just to stay in shape, and it also keeps me out of trouble," he noted.

For some, though, exercise was not something they did in their spare time, although they had actually viewed different exercise videos. "I watch Richard Simmons'

Sweatin' to the Oldies. I don't actually do anything, but I fast forward to the part where people say how much weight they lost," freshman Paul Metz admitted. Paul went on to describe how he owned *Sweatin' to the Oldies Parts I and II*. He also didn't have to be up at 6:00 a.m. to see them.

Some students exercised only through participation in sports. Sophomore Tony Brainer was one of those students. "For exercise, sports are the only thing I do," Tony concluded. "I watch TV. Does that exercise the brain?"

PUSHING IT TO EXTREMES, junior Ryan Niemeyer shows that he can lift the bar no matter the weight. Ryan was one of those who worked out every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



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TO GO

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At registration all students received a spiral agenda book with calendars, the school rules, and one page for all their passes. It was their only way out.



WRITING IN HIS agenda book, sophomore Kit Stanberry keeps track of his assignments. This was the third year for agenda books, but the first time they were used for passes.

CHECKING TO SEE if she has an assignment, sophomore Sabrina Murillo realizes she does not. Another problem students faced with the agenda books was they ran out of passes before the year ended.

SENIOR KYLE DILL was surprised to find out on the first day of school that agenda books were now required to leave class.

"I threw my book away before school started. Then I ripped the page out of Krof's teacher book. I lost (that) after two days." Still, he said, "I never leave class, so it doesn't really matter."

If senior Dave Csuk had lost his book, it would have created a big problem. "They don't have enough spots for passes. I filled up much more than half the spaces before the second grading period was over," Csuk explained.

The new system of passes forced students to carry around their agenda books if they intended to leave class.

"The only reason I carry the book with me is because it has passes. I don't even use the agenda part," senior Angela Johnson commented.

For those who did use the agenda section, they still disagreed with carrying it around. "I like the calendar part of important dates, but it's annoying to have to carry it around," junior Jen Bunge complained.

Sometimes the books allowed parents to check their children's progress. "I use mine everyday," senior Laura Taborski said. "It comes in handy for me because I'm forgetful. My mom checks it to make sure I'm on track. She's just concerned."

Getting used to using agenda books for passes was sometimes a problem. "After gym one day, we were late, and we didn't all have our books. We had to wait for Mrs. Beamer to write in the books and then she had to look for the other passes for the people without their books," freshman Stephanie Huppenthal said. Huppenthal said Mrs. Beamer wouldn't have had to look for the other passes if the system had not changed.

As the pass books filled up, however, the very same orange passes Mrs. Beamer couldn't find became more visible, while creative students drew their own lines in the blank pages of their books to create their own ticket to go.

BY ADA ANDERSON

LOSS

Participating in multiple organizations was a great way to spend time with friends and have fun, but with only 24 hours in a day, some people lost sleep and stressed-out.

LIFE IN A SMALL SCHOOL gave some people opportunities like no other. Students participated in multiple sports, countless clubs, and still found time to work jobs after school.

This sometimes over-extended students who needed to attend practices, lunch meetings, and homeroom committees for planning events. And then the stress set in.

"The stress has consumed my life," senior Aaron Itczak said. "I volunteer and take on too much. It becomes a heavy burden. I don't have time to enjoy myself or my friends since I want to do everything possible because this is my last year at Hanover."

Itczak had trouble finding time as an officer of three clubs, working, and taking honors courses. Junior Cecil Pendleton also was extended to the limit partly because of class work. Pendleton and Itczak both took a college English course at 7:00 a.m. before the regular school day started.

"Technically I have seven classes this year because of Long Distance Learning," Pendleton said. "I'm a coach, I'm in band, and at church I'm part of a leadership program that helps our youth pastor plan activities and run the youth group," he said. For him, he used his faith to cope with stress. "I ask God to give me the strength to get everything done and show me the time I have to get it done. I get stressed out every now and then, but not for long," he explained.

Senior Ryan Andrews said he didn't let stress get to him as a junior high baseball coach or as a high school baseball player. "I keep my cool. I just don't think about the pressure for anything," he commented.

Everyone had a different way to deal with being busy. "I quit my job at Wilco," Nick Marchand explained, "because my senior year in high school I knew I'd be involved in so many activities I wouldn't have time for everything. Something had to go."

Senior Lynne Bohling learned a good lesson about staying busy. "Being involved in so many activities requires me to set my priorities," she said. "I try to schedule my time to ensure the things that are most important are accomplished."



EXPLAINING A PROJECT, senior Jon Deenik heads a Snowball meeting squeezed-in during a lunch period. Besides serving as president of Snowball, Deenik was involved in Environmental Club, Student Council, was president of the Thespian Society, and held a job.

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LINKS

Communication through phone lines was apparent in the life of every student in some way, though conversations could be costly and time consuming.

RING! RING! RING! "Hello? Oh, hi, I'm glad you called. Listen to this, have I got a story for you" And the story begins. Telephone conversations helped students to reflect, inform, and even build friendships. Telephone use was a universal given for teens since Alexander Graham Bell invented the device.

The length and content of the conversations varied as much as the people who were a part of the discussion. Most importantly, it kept them connected even if that meant long distance charges and late-night pillow talk.

Interesting episodes often happened to people while they were on the phone. One day, junior Diana Swift was having a typical conversation and the person she was talking with received another call. While Swift was waiting for the person to finish answering the call, she could hear someone else's conversation.

"I tried being real quiet, just in case they could hear me. The guy was talking to a lady about her making dinner. He said, 'I love you Mom.' It was crazy," Swift remembered.

Phone conversations also were a perfect way for a person to find out if they were a good listener. Some people realized they drowned out the people they talked to.

"When I watch the *Simpsons*, I'm in 'Simpsonland.' It doesn't matter who I'm talking to. I'm not listening. As long as Homer still says 'doh,' I don't care," sophomore Jeremy Deenik admitted.

Deenik said he thoroughly enjoyed chatting on the phone, but his senior brother, Jon, didn't share his opinion. "All high school students base their self-esteem on the number of calls, and who calls. By your senior year you just don't want to talk on the phone for more than five minutes," Jon Deenik said. "It becomes a gossip line."

Jon might not have talked for more than five minutes, but according a Key survey of students in grades 9-12, 29

percent of all phone conversations were between 30 and 60 minutes long.

Some people talked so much they had their own phone lines. The Key survey revealed 19 percent of students had separate lines. To help reduce overall costs, Ameritech enlarged the local calling area in February to include the entire county, but it came with a basic rate increase.

Although e-mail, pagers, and even faxes stretched the reach of communications, there was nothing like hearing a real voice when that *Ring! Ring! Ring!* began again and a new round of lively stories resumed.



GRINNING THROUGH A conversation, junior Steve Rizo talks on a friend's cellular phone. Many students use cellular phones and pagers instead of the standard telephone because they were never home.

CONVENIENT COMMUNICATION

EVEN IF A STUDENT wasn't available at home to chat, they still found ways to communicate.

For example, pagers and cell phone usage was rapidly on the rise. In a Key survey, 24 percent of all students said they used pagers on a regular basis.

Even more used cell phones—51 percent. Cell phones were mobile, especially in cars. Of those surveyed, 68 percent explained they used them solely in vehicles because of their convenience.

Safety was an issue, too. "I've used my cell phone in my car to tell my parents if I'm going to be late," junior Jeanette Luce noted.

Sophomore Lisa Gray even used cell phones outside of a car. "Usually, I use the cell phone when I need to make a long distance call, or when our home phone is busy," Gray said.

Technological advances made it easy to link up with other people.

BY ADA ANDERSON

CIRCUIT

Whether they were towering over everyone else, or sneaking under the crowd, some students' height became a magnet for attention.



Bob Kolada, 6'9"



Steve Langhans, 6'5"



Heidi Govert, 4'11"



Tony Braner, 5'11"

STUDENT BODIES came in all sizes, heights, and every kind of shape. Vertical direction was among the most obvious and eye catching types around, and students were measuring up.

For example, 5'2" sophomore Tony Braner was the choice when directors cast him as Tiny Tim in the fall play. *A Christmas Carol*. Braner had only recently reached the five-foot mark. "I grew four inches over the summer," he explained.

Junior Heidi Govert was still waiting to reach five foot at 4'11". "In the past five years I've grown three inches," Govert said. "Every time I go to a restaurant they ask me if I want to order off the kids' menu."

Govert did find ways to use her height as an advantage. "I can get into amusement parks cheaper because they think I'm 12. On vacation in Florida we went to a Safari Jungle park, and I paid the 15-and-under price. I'm 17," she noted.

Others who were vertically challenged did not find it so amusing. "I can't reach the shelves where I work." Subway employee Sarah Busch complained. "I always jump up and hit them. The boxes fall on me."

Tall people didn't have a problem reaching high shelves. "It's easy to get to the top shelf at Wal-Mart. You need not ask (for) assistance," senior Dominick Kortokrax said. He also enjoyed being able to reach the high shelves even when a sign was posted reminding customers to ask for assistance if they could not reach items.

There also were instances when tall people could place items where others could not reach. "I put a magnet on the ceiling over my locker," 6'9" junior Bob Kolada said. "It's been there since last year. I was tall my whole life, so everyone else is just short," he explained.

Different heights gave individuals varied perspectives, and normal became what was usual for each person.

Everyone had their own way of dealing with their physical boundaries. "Usually once or twice a day I get pushed in the hallways, but I just push them back," Braner concluded. "Never underestimate the small guy."

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PLACE

With a connection to the Internet, chat rooms were a great place to hang out. Getting there was as easy as clicking a mouse.



"TAP, TAP, TAP, CLICK!"

A student giggles at the screen awaiting a response. The monitor flickers for a moment, and the student is soon typing once again.

Internet chat rooms created a wave of relief and excitement to those in search of a personal link. The world wide web offered connections to people in a totally new way.

"It's pretty cool. You get to meet all these people you'd never meet on normal circumstances. Having Internet gives you that chance. I'm missing out," said junior Diana Swift, who didn't have Internet access at home.

Actually, though, a large number of students took advantage of online resources.

Sophomore Dennis Pete downloaded a software program called ICQ which created personalized chat rooms for individual e-mail addresses. The only people allowed into these chat room were those who were invited. "Everyday I go into chat rooms on ICQ. I talk to various people I don't know. It's cool to find out what it's like where they live," Pete explained.

Online chat sometimes resulted in unexpected conversations. "I was at a party and we were talking to gay people online in a gay chat room," senior Ryan Andrews recalled. "Vulgar comments were passed back and forth. After we told them we weren't gay we left the chat room. It was funny talking to the gay guys because they were saying weird stuff."

Friendships over the Internet also could grow into something more. Senior Bill Bisset described an relationship after he met a girl online. "The girl I was talking to lived in Hammond, but we couldn't see each other. Having a friend is fine, but any further relationship doesn't work," Bisset explained. "I know of a couple who met over the Internet and eventually got married. I'm not sure how it worked out, but it must have been a complicated relationship. I personally do not use the Internet for chatting anymore because the developing relationships (are) easily demolished at the click of a mouse."

There were so many different chat rooms that anyone with a particular hobby or interest could find a room to share their interests. It was just a matter of finding where to go and starting a conversation. Like moths attracted to light, the flickering monitors drew the users into countless hours of staring at a screen, hypnotized by a subtle "Tap. Tap. Tap. Click!"



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IT'LL MAKE YOU

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SNAP

Whether it was the universal irritation of a fingernail scraping against a chalk board or an original act of disgust, there was no shortage of individual pet peeves.

IT'S THAT ONE LITTLE aggravation that can cause even the mildest person to explode. Almost everyone had at least one circumstance they unaffectionately referred to as their pet peeve.

Hallways were notoriously being irritating for students to walk through. "When I'm walking down the hallways it disturbs me when people step on the back of my shoes," senior Mike Urena noted. "Sometimes the shoes are new, and they already have scuff marks. I just want to turn around and back-heel trip them."

Senior Antonio Rodriguez added, "I hate it when it's wet outside and people walk in the halls without wiping off their shoes off so it makes a squeaking noise."

While some pet peeves were specific, others were more general. "I don't like it when people are rude to you for no reason," sophomore Kirby Heindel said.

"My biggest pet peeve is when people act 'buddy buddy' when you're there visually, but the second you've gone, they start runnin' their mouth," senior James Crist said. "Be straight with people, don't front and put on an act."

Senior Mike Smith didn't like to watch as some of his fellow classmates gave up on school. "There is nothing more ignorant than a senior that drops out during their senior year. After all, why go 11 years just to quit at the end?" he reasoned.

While many pet peeves originated at school, another occurred on the job. Junior Jeanette Lugo worked at Cedar Lake McDonald's and hated it when customers in the drive-thru ignored her request by talking after she ask them to wait before placing their order.

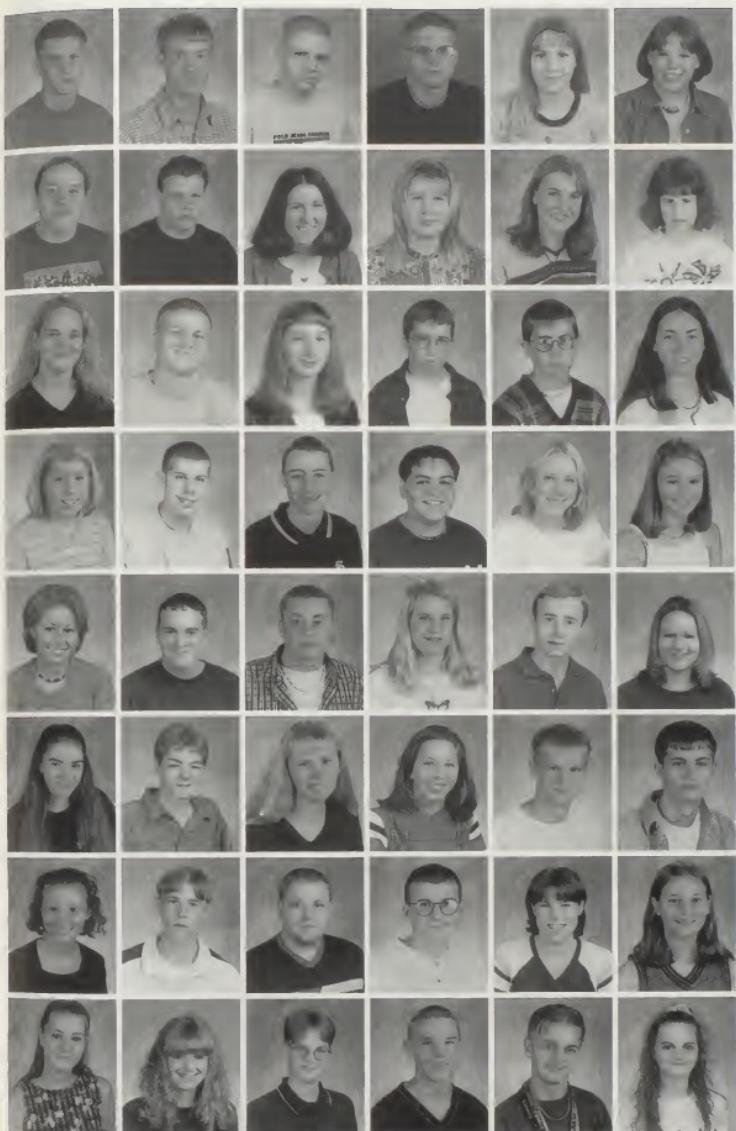
Lunch time at school was apparently frustrating, too, depending on the eating habits of friends. Sophomore Kristy Brownd said, "My biggest pet peeve is people who chew with their mouths open."

"I can't drink out of anyone else's glasses," senior Derrick Noel added.

Although the aggravations were numerous and common, it was good to know which acts of random preevishness bothered someone else. That is, unless your pet peeve was reading about the pet peeves of others.



TALKING TO HIS FRIENDS at lunch, senior Tim Board puts his guard down and unknowingly eats with his mouth open. Many students tend not to use their manners around their friends at school more than they normally would.



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HOOKS, LINES, AND STINKERS

They were everywhere. Pick-up lines were meant to be funny, witty, and often entertaining, but like a pane of glass, it didn't take much to see right through them.



ADMIRING HER BEAUTY, junior Mike Shaw uses one of his pick-up lines on sophomore Megan Vassar. One of his favorites was, "If you could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put 'U' and 'I' together."

*Pick-up lines courtesy of Nick Kowalczyk, Bill Bisset, Ryan Andrews, Josh Canarini, and Matt Eberle.

THEY COULD BE CORNY, flattering, and even as Nick Kowalczyk liked to say, "quality," but they all had one thing in common—they were quick attempts to attract. Most of the time pick-up lines didn't work and were worth no more than a giggle. Here's a sampling, none of which are guaranteed to work:

"Did it hurt?"

"What?"

"When you fell from Heaven, my angel!"

Someone checks a tag on back of someone else's shirt then says, "I was just checking to see if you were made in Heaven."

"Are you lost ma'am? Because heaven's a long way from here."

Sophomore Jillian Gorny said, "A guy will come up to you and say, 'I'm finding myself speechless.' Then he'll grab you and kiss you."

"I lost my number. Can I have yours?"

"I'm new in town. Can I have directions to your house?"

"Aren't you tired?"

"No. Why?"

"You've been running through my mind all day."

"My love for you is like the Energizer Bunny, it keeps going and going and going and . . ."

"Your mom and dad must be terrorists, because baby, you're the bomb."

"You must be Jamaican. . . 'Cause Jamaican' me crazy."

"Do you have a quarter?"

"Why?"

"Because my mom told me to call her as soon as I fell in love."

"Just call me 'Milk.' I could do your body good."

"Can I have directions to your heart?"

"I wish I could be one of your teardrops so I could be born in your eye, run down your cheek, and die in your lips."

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Robert Wilson
Jeff Wittenhagen

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Eric Yardley
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Eric Yukon
Jim Zerby
A Late Addition:
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HITS THAT MISSSED

INSULTS IN DISGUISE were often the result of bad pick-up lines. They weren't even always well-disguised. Guaranteed to keep you dateless if used, here are a few of the most popular bad pick-up lines:

"I may not be the best looking guy here, but I'm the only one talking to you."

"Would you like to dance?"

"I don't really like this song, and I particularly wouldn't like to dance with you."

"I think you misunderstood me. I said you look fat in those pants."

"You might not be the best looking girl here, but beauty is only a light switch away."

"Haven't I seen you someplace before?"

"Yes, that's why I don't go there anymore."

"I MAY NOT BE FRED FLINTSTONE, but I'll sure make your bed rock," senior Matt Eberle said, who was dressed for Spirit Week. He didn't say if this line was successful—and we didn't ask.



s p o r t s

Powered with the
ferocity of a Wildcat,
athletes pushed to their
greatest heights ever

Winning spread like wildfire. From cross country to track and volleyball to basketball, some teams just couldn't get enough. As the fire burned, new passions for athletics ignited in a frenzy.

"It was the greatest feeling! I won my actual first match of wrestling, and I later found out that I gave the kid I beat a concussion. I couldn't stop laughing about that," junior Jason Fair stated. "I mean the funny part about it was the fact that I was head butting him through the whole match, and didn't get called for it."

It wasn't just winning that made people feel good, it was because we did our best.

"It wasn't all too important to me to win," junior Tony Kretz said, "but when I did win, it was a feeling I can't describe. Again, it's not about winning or losing, it's how you show yourself afterwards, more or less—the sportsmanship."

Whether it was a sectional or regional title, the ninth straight PCC Girls' Track Meet title, or simply the first win of an athletic career, every Wildcat was inspired to power up.



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Moving up another victory ladder, Christy Bilinski cuts down the net after the girls' varsity basketball team's first-ever sectional title. The team won a triple crown of championships, taking the PCC Tourney, sectional, and regional before advancing to the Semistate on March 6.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Joseph Fetty



Using his powerful voice to connect with the referee, basketball coach Larry Govert argues a call. Many of the players admired his aggressive style and senior Dustin Sjoerdsma said, "I think it's good when he's yelling. It shows how bad he wants to win and it makes me try harder for us to win."



seventh heaven

in spite of their first-ever PCC loss, the Lady Wildcats continued to thrive

by Scott Klein

fire power

season record:	8-2
pcc record:	7-1
renselaer	33-24
gavit invitational	5th of 7
crown point 5-way	3rd of 5
river forest	18-38
renselaer invitational	
frost/soph division	3rd
lake station	15-50
lowell invitational	3rd of 10
kouts	30-25
hebron	19-38
culver invitational	9th of 24
boone grove	17-42
washington twp.	15-50
wheeler	15-49
l.c.v. invitational	1st of 5
morgan twp.	19-37
lacrosse	19-41
pcc meet	1st of 8
sectional	2nd of 12
regional	4th of 12
semistate	15 of 20

power players

michelle york:	mvp, pcc, mental attitude award, all-pcc, all-sectional, all-regional
megan vassar:	all-pcc, all-sectional, all-regional
kelly garrett:	all-pcc, all-sectional, hustle award
bridget castner:	most improved, all-sectional

Recruiting people for a sport that is generally defined as very hard and boring was a tough task, but that is what the girls' cross country team had to do after losing four seniors to graduation. Still, a team was formed, and by the end of the season they actually had eight healthy runners.

The girls won their seventh consecutive conference championship plaque, but they lost their first PCC round-robin meet in the history of conference girls' cross country. A streak of 48 dual meets over seven years was broken by Kouts on September 23.

"We knew we could lose to either Hebron or Kouts at any time—they were both good teams," Michelle York said, "but the fact that the streak had been broken still hurt badly." That loss put the Wildcats in a totally different position. For the first time ever, they were the underdogs at the conference meet.

"We went out hard at conference because we wanted to win for Michelle," Kelly Garrett explained. The ladies ran to a 10-point rout of Kouts in the crisp autumn air on the challenging Valpo course. Sectionals approached quickly after that, but the girls' championship bolstered their confidence. The sectional meet was up for grabs—there was no favorite. Hanover fought for the title and lost to Merrillville by three points in an otherwise near-perfect day.

At the regional meet, Michelle York placed third with a season best 16:00. That helped the Wildcats place fourth overall and advance to the semistate meet. Advancing through the state tourney was a tradition that continued as HC qualified for semistate for the fourth year in a row. Even though one streak was broken, all of the rest remained intact.



mental attitude put to good use

Running to the finish line, senior Michelle York completes the sectional race at Lemon Lake. She finished the race in sixth place and earned a spot on the all-sectional team.



girls' cross country

Front: Christy Bilinski, Megan Vassar, Kelly Garrett, and Danielle Huffnagle.
Back: Amanda Koeling, Bridget Castner, Coach Steve Foulds, Michelle York, and Jill Gormy.



sectional success

Giving it everything she has left, freshman Danielle Huffnagle passes a runner just before the finish line. The extra boost put her 29th in the sectional meet. Her time of 18:25 dropped by seven seconds the next week at regionals and by another six seconds at semistate.



fast food

After the semistate meet on the hilly New Prairie course, Megan Vassar takes a chug of Mountain Dew. Some runners on the team did not drink pop during the season so they brought pop and junk food for the long ride home from the last meet of the year.



running against the wind

Taking the wind head on, senior Christy Bilinski runs at the Lemon Lake course in the sectional meet. Bilinski finished the race in twenty-first place, nearly breaking 17 minutes for the first time. Though she was a senior, this was her first year on the cross country team.

never down or counted out

as grueling as cross country was, the only complaint this team could have was over having too much fun

by Scott Klein

fire power

season dual record: 0-2

pcc record: 7-1

semistate: 34-21

govt invitational: 5th of 27

crown point 4-way: 3rd of 4

south newton: 37-45

evergreen: 28-49

missouri invitational:

10th grade: 1st

11th grade: 2nd

state station: 15-49

lowell invitational: 2nd of 15

kouts: 25-30

hebron: 23-34

calvin invitational: 8th of 28

beaver grove: 17-44

washington two: 18-43

wheeler: 42-57

morgan two: 16-41

farmer: 15-48

pcc meet: 2nd of 8

sectional: 3rd of 12

regional: 7th of 10

power players

scott klein: msq, all-dc,

all-sectionals, all-regionals

omar sanchez: all-dc,

all-sectionals

ryan niemeyer: hustle award,

all-dc, all-sectionals

chip baacke: most improved

If someone had predicted the boys' cross country team would have a bad year, they were proven wrong. True, the Wildcats had some serious competition in the conference considering that rival Wheeler was state-ranked the entire year. Hebron and Kouts also posted some competition, but the Wildcats ran them over on their way to a 6-1 PCC round-robin record. They finished a distant second at the conference meet, but then all eyes turned to sectionals.

"We are confident every year that we can win because we can," Mike Shaw said, "but we never run our best races at sectionals." Maybe they were too confident before placing third at a meet that could have been won by any team.

"We didn't know how we should have at regionals either," Omar Sanchez added. The boys had one individual qualifier for the semistate meet on Halloween day. Scott Klein placed fifteenth, equaling a personal best time of 17:26 making it to the semistate meet by the skin of his teeth.

In a season where it was hard to find confidence due to competing against a number of state-ranked teams, the guys had fun at practice and on bus rides to meets.

"We liked long bus rides because we could fool around and at the same time talk about the meet," Shaw recalled.

The over-abundance of adrenaline before each meet and the exhausted relief afterward was solid evidence that this squad proved their success.



who's next on the back stretch?

Senior Omar Sanchez overtakes two opponents, Rob Wolicki of Merrillville and Adam Willis of Lowell. Sanchez finally enjoyed having a full season of cross country by placing ninth at the conference meet and leading the boys' team at practice and at me-

boys' cross country
Front: Adam Kowalczyk, Adam Walker, Chip Baacke, and Jim Zerby.
Middle: Eric Dohm, Chris Marnet, Omar Sanchez, and Mike Shaw. **Back:** Scott Klein, Dan Sullivan, Mike Lirena, Ryan Niemeyer. **Coach:** Steve Faustus.



keeping in touch

Junior Mike Shaw, left, focuses in on catching Omar Sanchez at the Culver Invitational. "Running with a team member is good for me because we can work together on moving up in the race," Shaw said. He eventually caught Sanchez to finish one place ahead of him.

jump starts

Jumping off the line to get a good start at the sectional race is a good strategy for any meet. Coach Foulds always told the runners to put themselves in the position in which they want to finish at the beginning of the race. The idea was to stay with the front-runners instead of being forced to catch the opponents at the end.



how hard could this be?

a new coach, some new golfers, and a golf cart-load of optimism was all this team needed for a fun year

by Josh Canarini

fire power

season record: 4-8

chesterton	278-261
lowell	238-232
kankakee valley invite	16th of 16
rensselaer invite	unavailable
new prairie invite	unavailable
m.c. marquette invite	unavailable
kankakee valley	238-212
crown point	241-200
wheeler	223-270
lake central	262-221
bishop noll	227-242
munster	264-207
hobart	244-265
merillville	273-199
boone grove	249-189
sectional	9th of 12

power players

jessica granger:	mvp
becky van lear:	most improved
jillian janicki:	mental attitude

With the departure of Coach Cindi Bockin and the arrival of new coach Scott Campbell, the Lady Wildcats' future started with six new players. They had returning letter-winner and senior Samantha Samuels leading the way. "It was tough knowing that everyone was looking up to me and really depended on me," Samuels said.

Coach Campbell changed the season outlook. "It was a hard season, with another new coach, and many new players. In the long run we improved drastically, we lowered our scores, and improved our swings," Samuels added.

First-year golfer Megan Hofer added, "[Mr. Campbell] was a good coach. He knows a lot about golf but you could tell he was used to coaching boys wrestling because he was tough at times but we had a lot of fun with each other bonding as a team in the process of learning."

With a change at the helm came a change in character of the overall team, too. "As a team we were basically clueless at the beginning of the season, but we worked hard to learn the basics, and we had fun at the same time," junior Jessica Granger said.

"If everyone stays with the team we can improve much more," Jessica explained. The team finished ninth out of 12 at sectionals, they participated in a few tournaments, winning none, but improved drastically from match to match according to coach Campbell. After a season that seemed as though it would never end, the only direction to go was up.



girls' golf

Front: Samantha Samuels, Becky Van Lear, Cheri Derousseau, and Jillian Janicki. Back: Laura McClymont, Megan Hofer, Coach Scott Campbell, Lindsay Shelby, and Jessica Granger.

tee time!

Swinging to her heart's content, sophomore Becky Van Lear drives the ball on the par 4 first hole of the Monastery Golf Course. Her drive landed just short of the green. Van Lear's average was 82 strokes on a nine-hole course.



ohhh please...

ohhh please...ohhh please Hoping her ball will drop in the hole, senior Samantha Samuels putsts against Bishop Noll on the home course. The Lady Wildcats went on to win the match 227-242 to claim their second win of the season.



this one's going in,
I can feel it
Zeroing in on the cup, junior Jessica Granger puts against Bishop Noll. Putting takes control and coordination; Jessica concentrated on her form so the ball would roll smoothly into the hole. She finished the day with a score of 59.

she has it
in her sights
Looking for the best line of attack, junior Jessica Granger decides what angle will be the best to ensure her ball a place in the hole. This was her third year on the team.

when the going gets tough

despite a winless season, the wildcats showed poise and heart when the game was on the line

by Ike Boyer

fire power

season record: 0-10
pcc record: 0-7

volleycat tourney:

wheeler	6-15, 5-15
lacrosse	15-9, 8-15, 9-15
lacrosse	8-15, 7-15
boone grove	8-15, 0-15
wheeler	5-15, 16-14, 14-16
hebron	4-15, 5-15
kouts	6-15, 5-15
washington twp.	10-15, 6-15
morgan twp.	9-15, 4-15
pcc tourney:	
wheeler	6-15, 5-15

power players

josh canarini:	mvp, offensive award
jim wallace:	defensive award
dan shipman:	serving award
ryan longfellow:	sportsmanship award

Some said it was a down year for the Wildcats. Others, the ones who were there, may have seen otherwise. The team may not have had an over abundance of talent, but they did have heart. All season they had a relentless pursuit of one goal, to win.

Accepting the losses wasn't easy for the Volley Cats. Their pride and dignity was tested on several occasions. "Early in the season when we lost, we lost as a team. Towards the end of the season, fingers started to point, anger was shown, and we began to fight. We were playing as individuals trying to save our pride. It's not the way a senior likes to go, but even in dreams there are unhappy endings," senior MVP Josh Canarini said.

The team had a pregame ritual that kept their spirits up throughout the season. "Josh Canarini and Dan Shipman would make a huge bowl of Ramen Noodles to eat before every match," said sophomore Jerry Martin.

A devastating loss to top-ranked conference rival Wheeler was the stake in the heart. "It was heartbreaking. We should have won. I've never played on a team that was better than we were that night," Canarini noted.

The task of keeping the team going was given to coach Ron Szanyi. In his fourth season as varsity coach, Szanyi led Hanover to the Wildcats' lone PCC Tourney Championship in 1996. "We played a great match against Wheeler, but eligibility and weak setting held us down this season," coach Szanyi concluded.



boys'
varsity
volleyball
Front: Cory Knutson, Ryan Longfellow, Matt Surprise, Chris Wornhoff, and Tony Brainer. **Back:** Jim Wallace, Dan Shipman, Josh Canarini, Josh Verbish, and Roger Niemeyer. **Not pictured:** Coach Ron Szanyi.





oooooh,
that's gotta hurt!

Believing he can fly, junior Josh Verbish sends a heart-wrenching spike down on his opponents at the VolleyCat Tourney. While this spike didn't knock someone's head off, another one of his almost did in the previous match. Verbish had 14 kills in regular season play and 17 total.



preparing for flight

Seniors Jim Wallace and Josh Canarini track the movement of the ball after junior Dan Shipman passes it to the setter. Wallace is ready to kill it when it is set to him. Canarini received the MVP and offensive awards for the season. Shipman lead the team in serving, while Wallace won the defensive award.



unfamiliar territory

Leaving his usual spot in the back row, senior Jim Wallace gets a chance to show off his hitting abilities as he sends a terrifying spike over the net. Wallace led the team in serve receptions with 104 successful attempts.

awkward action

Freshman Bobby Ostrowski gives a flawless set to sophomore Chris Huseman while the referee carefully watches for a lift. No lift was called and Huseman put it down for the first points of the match.



freshman phenom

Another freshman, Erik Mantel, unleashes a perfect set at the VolleyCat tourney. Setting, arguably the most difficult skill to master, takes perfect form and timing. Mantel displayed great promise throughout the tourney.

ugly, but it counts

Freshman Matt Surprise is forced to make an awkward bump because the ball was hit at a bad angle by the opposing team. Keith Buikema and Ricky Golden stare in awe, however, as his return lands just in-bounds for a Wildcat side-out. Later in the season Surprise was pulled up to play with the varsity team.



shakin' it up

a young squad takes on the challenge of a new sport and a new coach

by Josh Canarini

that was close -too close

Freshman Bobby Ostrowski has to get on his knees to get a better angle to bump the ball to the setter. Junior Jeff Wittenhagen is ready just in case Bobby misses the bump. Unfortunately for Morgan Twp., the bump, set, and spike were good enough for the Wildcats to score a point.



boys'
JV volleyball
Front: Jon Howe, Roger Almaguer,
Bryan Brightwell, Bobby Ostrowski,
and Brian Mirich. Middle: Jeff
Wittenhagen, Bill Kolada, Bob
Kolada, and Keith Buikema.
Back: Ryan Panizzo, Eric Yukon,
Ricky Golden, Coach James Hunley,
and Erik Mantel.

Entering the season as the reigning VolleyCat Tourney champs and one of the top-rated teams in the conference the year before, the junior varsity VolleyCats had some high expectations to live up to. When practice started it was evident that it was going to be a long season.

"When we came into the gym on the first day, we were lost," Erik Mantel said. "We had no clue how to do anything. The varsity was a big help and we caught on, though."

After two seasons of coaching, JV coach Scott Campbell elected not to return for a third. Jim Hunley, the attendance officer, took the job even though he had no prior experience in coaching volleyball.

"It was an interesting experience," Hunley recalled. "There's a lot more to the game. It's not like your backyard pick-up game. I learned a lot. We had a good bunch of boys. They played hard, and you could see the improvement as the year went on."

The team was made up of almost exclusively freshmen. They had no experience and it showed in their weaknesses. "The team couldn't pass the ball and we didn't communicate. Two people would go for the ball yet neither one of them would get it and it would hit the floor," freshman Jon Howe said.

There weren't a lot of great moments, but according to Mantel, they improved 100 percent from the beginning of the year and could compete.

"We had a losing season, but it was a good season. Yeah, we had our losses...ummm lots of them. Periodically we would win one of three matches. We had fun playing in the games and at practice too!" Mantle concluded.



fire power

season record: 0-11

ppc record: 0-8

volleycat tourney

wheeler	3-15, 2-15
morgan twp.	6-15, 4-15
lacrosse	4-15, 10-15
lacrosse	9-15, 14-13, 1-15
kourc	9-15, 15-7, 3-15
washington twp.	1-15, 7-15
boone grove	7-15, 15-8, 11-15
wheeler	8-15, 5-15
south haven	7-15, 5-15
hebron	4-15, 2-15
morgan twp.	12-15, 13-15

jv jumps on opportunity

fire power

JV season record: 16-4
JV PCC record: 6-1

gavitt	8-15, 0-15
clark	2-15, 9-15
crown point	13-15, 15-17
whiting	15-8, 15-10
river forest	15-6, 15-13
beecher	15-9, 11-15, 15-11
south newton	15-6, 15-3
lake station	15-12, 15-13
north newton	19-17, 15-1, 15-10
lacrosse	15-0, 15-8
kouts	14-16, 15-6, 15-12
washington twp.	15-4, 15-3
lowell	6-15, 11-15
boone grove	15-6, 15-12
wheeler	15-1, 15-3
hebron	11-15, 15-8, 7-15
morgan twp.	11-15, 15-9, 16-14
mongan twp.	12-15, 15-13, 15-7
washington twp.	15-7, 15-8

fire power

Freshman record: 7-4
PCC record: 3-1

hebron	5-15, 7-15
wheeler	15-6, 15-9, 12-15
beecher	15-8, 17-15, 15-9
whiting	15-8, 15-0, 15-13
hart	15-7, 15-5, 15-8
gavitt	8-15, 12-15, 10-15
washington twp.	15-12, 15-12
north newton	15-5, 15-3
boone grove	15-11, 9-15, 2-15
lowell	9-15, 14-18
griffith	15-9, 15-10

boasting a tremendous record, the lady wildcats were ready for any team to come along

by Ike Boyer

Expectations were not very high at the start of the season for the girls' volleyball team.

"There wasn't much hope of winning the conference at the beginning of the season. Our goal went from winning a couple of games, to repeating as the PCC champs, and even though we didn't win the title, we were pleased with our vast improvement," sophomore Brienne Sheehy noted.

Doing things by the book was not the answer for their success. Time went by and the team eventually discovered their niche. They found that being unpredictable led to a 16 and 4 record, and scrambled their way into a second-place conference finish.

Team unity played a key role in the Lady Wildcats' season, as the JV girls showed a real love for the game. "They enjoyed the game and each other, and that greatly improved the teams play," Coach Ann Thompson stated.

That same feeling was shared by the players. "We worked hard, had fun, and we all got along on and off the court, that helped a lot," Sheehy concluded.



girls' JV volleyball

Front: Melody Willy, Jill Kienzle, Brienne Sheehy, and Emily Rawlins. Middle: Jenny Bohling, Megan McElmurry, Rachel Laud, and Sarah Jager, Kristy Brownd. Back: Shannon McLaughlin, Angela Clark, Coach Ann Thompson, and Amber Westerhoff.

why is that net there?

Closing her eyes after hitting the ball, freshman Lynne Molnar wishes for one her teammates to get to the ball before it hits the ground. "I learned to trust my teammates throughout the season, and it made playing with them a whole lot easier. I hope that we can all play with each other next year," Molnar remarked.

somebody help me

Scrambling for the ball, freshmen Lynn Molnar and Adrienne Shroka lunge for the ball Jamie Jenkins has just saved. Shroka later said, "I thought it was a good experience to get us ready for JV and varsity." This was the second season for the freshman team.



bumpin'
em up

Warming up before the match, sophomore Sarah Jagar passes a freeball back to coach Thompson. "The 'dumptards' at the beginning of the year would've never made it to the finals, but we came together and started playing very well," Jagar joked when asked about the team.



that's the way the ball bounces

freshmen discover the competition gets a little tougher in high school

by Ike Boyer

As the freshman powered their way to an impressive 7-4 record, they improved their skills and proved they had the tools to compete at the high school level.

"I thought the season was really great. We worked hard and improved our talents," Adrienne Shroka said.

Although not all PCC schools fielded freshman squads, increased interest in the sport prompted a return for the freshman volleyball team. In its second straight season the Lady Wildcats continued to be successful.

"It was a pretty good season. We won a lot of games, did good in conference, and worked good as a team," Beth Wendlinger concluded.



girls' freshman
volleyball

Front: Wendy Gasior, Lynn Molnar, Kristine Egyed, Toni Sheehy, and Melody Willy. **B**ack: Coach Tammi Sheehy, Adrienne Shroka, Stephanie Huppenthal, Jamie Jenkins, Beth Wendlinger, and Lindsay Sincavage.

defense gets the "W"

"We worked really good together at points. The ten of us made this season rock!" sophomore Jenny Bohling commented. Bohling and her teammates listened to Coach Ann Thompson give her pep talk to prepare them for the game ahead.





**just
a little finesse**

Faking the spike, junior Tammi Boersma lightly sets the ball over the net. It was one of those deception plays that got the varsity team some needed points against Hebron. This was Tammi's first year on the varsity team.

**thank god
for knee pads**

After getting on the floor to dig up a spike, Christy Koby glances up to see if her bump was returned or not. Luckily, the Wildcats got the side-out so she had enough time to adjust her kneepads and wipe off her shoes. The senior defensive specialist was named to the PCC all-conference team after the season.

**all the pieces
of the pie**

Tammi Boersma bumps a deflected set while senior Dana Freeman prepares to spike it on her Hebron opponents. "I enjoyed playing volleyball because everyone on the team worked well together," Boersma said. "We never fought and every team member could play with anyone that was put in the game."



rejecting an arch rival

senior captain Trisha Roberts attempts a solo kill block on the Lady Bearcats of Wheeler. The intense rivalry became heated-up even more this season as Wheeler defeated Hanover four times. It wasn't for lack of Roberts' effort, who led the team in kills and was voted all-PCC by the conference coaches.



girls' varsity volleyball

Front: Tiffany Sheehy, Christy Koby, Lynne Bohling, Pam Peterson, and Lynda Szanyi. **Middle:** Christy Haduch, Tammi Boersma, Trisha Roberts, and Dana Freeman. **Back:** Crystal Fisher, Melanie Brumbaugh, Emily Rawlins, Coach Carol Grady, and Julie Moniak.

girls' volleyball

special spikers

a schedule full of tough competition dogged the lady wildcats all season, but this team still ran with the big dogs

by Josh Canarini

"The game—I love the game," all-conference team member Trisha Roberts said after she realized that her high school volleyball season and career was over. That thought summarized the attitude of every girl on the team. They all had a very special bond; perhaps a tighter bond than any of them will ever feel on a volleyball team again.

Heading into the season the players could tell there was something special happening. They also knew they had their work cut out for them with conference power Wheeler.

"Our worst moments were losing to Wheeler four times," freshman Julie Moniak said. She wasn't surprised by the teams success against other opponents adding, "I knew we were going to do good—and we did."

Once again around the time of the conference tourney strange things started happening. Pumpkins started to appear everywhere and the spirit and power of the "Great Pumpkin" brought the girls great hopes of winning the conference tourney and capturing the sectional crown.

"We had the great pumpkin and we were definitely capable. I expected to win PCC and sectionals. I felt up until the end of the season we were the best in the conference," senior all-conference team member Christy Koby said.

No doubt the team was one of the best that had ever played in the history of Hanover Central Volleyball according to coach Carol Grady. "As far as physical skills (the team) was in the top five I have ever coached. Towards the end of the season this years seniors brought a great deal of leadership to this team," she noted. "The seniors next year have a great "model" to follow!"



fire power

season record: 14-10
pcc record: 4-3

gavit	12-15, 6-15
clark	12-15, 15-7, 15-12
crown point	15-12, 7-15, 10-15
whiting	15-13, 13-15, 15-8
river forest	10-15, 15-5, 15-6
beecher	15-7, 15-9
south newton	15-2, 15-3
lake station	15-7, 15-6
griffith	15-11, 13-15, 15-11
north newton	15-8, 15-13
lacrosse	15-8, 15-6
bonne grove	15-11, 15-5
wheeler	7-15, 4-15
hebron	5-15, 15-9, 9-15
morton	4-15, 6-15
whiting	9-15, 15-5, 15-6
wheeler	15-9, 15-15, 3-15
kouts	15-3, 11-15, 15-11
lowell	7-15, 3-15
washington	15-10, 15-4, 15-9
morgan tow.	6-15, 15-4, 15-11
river forest	15-13, 12-15, 15-4
sectional	16-14, 10-15, 10-15
wheeler	4-15, 15-10, 11-15

power players

trisha roberts:	co-mvp, offensive award, all-pcc
christy koby:	co-mvp, defensive award, all-pcc
pam peterson:	mental attitude award
lynne boehling:	most improved
christy haduch:	setting award

wrestlers reload with young guns

starting the season with two freshman and six rookies, it was rough grappling with the physical and mental challenges

by Josh Canarini

fire power

Season record: 9-13-1

south newton	36-48
culver	6-70
river forest	45-33
north newton	33-48
winnic	17-63
boone grove	39-39
south newton	45-36
highland	6-74
andean	27-54
hammond	48-36
illiana christian	48-34
manteno	18-56
pedone	29-48
west side	54-27
clark	47-30
whiting	52-24
whiting	30-38
boone grove	18-54
clark	34-33
munster	6-74
gavit	13-54
river forest	42-35

power players

adam kowalczyk:	pins award, takedowns award
rich dobin:	quick pin award, takedowns award
mike cornett:	most improved
nick kowalczyk:	pins award



varsity wrestling

Front: Jon Howe, Jason Fair, Omar Sanchez, Adam Kowalczyk, Tony Kretz, Ron Schutema, and John Schutema. **Back:** Rich Dobin, Kenny Ores, Mike Urena, Tim Board, Nick Kowalczyk, Chip Baacke, and Coach Ron Szanyi.

breaking some bones

Rich Dobin enjoys the feeling of being his opponents backs the way they are not supposed to bend. This is one of quick pins. He led the team with the quickest pins during the season. His quickest pin took only 30 seconds.



picking 'em up, laying 'em down

It took senior Mike Cornett only 47 seconds to pin his opponent from South Newton. Cornett got off to a great start by winning six of his first seven matches. He filled the 152-pound weight class all by himself.



look out, here
I come

In his first meet ever as a wrestler, senior Omar Sanchez jumps on his opponent from South Newton. Sanchez lost the match, but all he needed was one under his belt before his next bout against River Forest. He got his first win of the season in a major decision.

another
win for Adam

Junior Adam Kowalczyk rolls over his South Newton opponent at an early home meet. Kowalczyk wrestled in the 130-pound weight class. He also led the team in wins with 24.

more than just a routine

the poms performed many other great acts besides entertaining the crowd during halftime shows

by Ike Boyer

Poms was not about scoring the most points, hitting home runs, or making the most field goals. Poms was, however, all about teamwork and sharing a certain spirit.

When fans looked at the gym floor during halftime of a basketball game they didn't see individuals, they saw a team working together.

"I'll never forget how our team bonds," junior Ann Horton said. "We spend so much time together, it's hard not to make friends."

With the absence of any competitions, the Pom Cats worked on halftime performances and an eye towards future competition.

"This year was kind of busy, so next year we'll know when the tournaments are, and how much time we have to prepare," junior Tammie Vassar said.

Poms wasn't all about entertainment, either. The squad found time to spread Christmas cheer at the Lutheran Retirement Village in Crown Point. Also, the annual car wash helped them raise money for outfits and props.

"We've raised a lot more money since we've been allowed to wear bikinis," Vassar added.

Pep rallies had been a thing of the past, but due to the success of the girls' basketball team, school spirit was on the rise. The Pom Cats excited the student body at the pep session before the departure of the regional and semistate-bound basketball team.

"The pep rallies were really good, I think we helped the girls and school spirit in our own little way," Horton concluded.

govert girls

Heidi and Gretchen Govert perform their routine in the Lowell Labor Day Parade. "I had fun in poms, but I wish things would have worked out better for me," Heidi said. Gretchen moved to another school during the school year, but all of the summer work was done by then.



pomcats

Front: Ann Horton, Nicci Carroll, Samantha Samuels, and Julie Ferry.
Middle: Sonya Brown, Stephanie Geraci, Leslie Kaper, Hillary Smith, and Melissa Sofer. **Back:** Bobbie Jo Burke, Alissa Wasyliv, Katie Krumpolz, Becky Shearer, Lindsey McDonald, and Lindsey Shelby. **Not pictured:** Coach Colleen Darnell, Tammie Vassar, and Dana Freeman.



gettin' a kick out of this routine

Melissa Sofer heads up the poms' kick line during "MC Mix," a halftime performance. In dances like this, the poms must all work together to do crisp, clean moves. Some other routines were "Bump that Rump," "Latin Mix," "America," and "Push It."



a memorable last performance

Senior captain Dana Freeman performs the school song with the cheerleaders at a pep rally. After the boys' basketball regular season was over, the poms got another chance to show their stuff at the rallies. Dana was a four-year member of the squad, earning many awards in many different competitions.



coolin' off with a cola

There is nothing like taking a quick breather after putting on a performance like the poms put on. Tammie Vassar, Dana Freeman, and Samantha Samuels share a cold drink and flash a smile during halftime of a basketball game.

on the road again

Stephanie Geraci moves to the beat of the pep band on a windy day at the Labor Day parade. "Parades are fun because we are kind of competing with other schools," Stephanie said. "It is nice to feel the rush of knowing that we worked hard to achieve a win."

a little extra effort

a twist of fate found the cheerleaders extending their energy, as well as the players, a little further than usual

by Scott Klein

The cheerleaders added a new twist to their season by adding a few extra games to their schedule. As the boys' regular season ended and they prepared for the sectional, the varsity cheerleaders found much pleasure in cheering for the Lady Wildcats in their sectional. The girls found it exciting cheering in their first sectional championship game. But it didn't stop there. They also cheered at the regional and semistate games.

"It was a really long year with our regular season (boys) and all the girls' games we cheered at," Jessica Pralle explained. "Cheering at semistate might be the only time we will get to cheer at that level."

The cheerleaders also enjoyed cheering in the PCC tournament games as both the boys and the girls played in the championship. A huge pep block was formed and a fan bus was filled at the boys first conference tourney game. The fans at that game were loud and supportive and it must have helped as the boys beat heavily-favored Kouts on their home floor.

At that game, the father of one of the Kouts players made a special point to tell Mrs. Genie Holmberg that her cheerleaders were some of the best he has ever seen. Another compliment from another school came at the championship game. Those comments came from strangers who went out of their way to compliment the cheerleaders.

Melanie Brumbaugh and Christy Haduch agreed, "The cheerleaders were a huge support at our tourney games and we appreciate their extra efforts.



varsity cheerleaders

Front: Pam Peterson, Jill Gorny, Becky VanLear, and Emily Gentry. **Back:** Cherri Derousseau, Jessica Pralle, and Holly Gasior.



junior varsity cheerleaders

Front: Rochelle Reinhold, Sandy Willbarger, and Kristine Egyed. **Back:** Megan Hofer, Adam Walker, and Amanda Koeling.

power players

emily gentry:

co-mvp

jessica pralle:

most spirited

cherri derousseau:

co-mvp

up where the air is thin

In a lift that would scare the average person, freshman Kristine Egyed ends a cheer in the air. "Cheerleading is very different in high school," Kristine explained. "There are more people in the stands to cheer with and the games are more exciting."

Cheerleaders put in enormous amounts of time practicing for games and pep rallies. This year, unlike the past few, the cheerleaders had the opportunity to perform at pep rallies as the girls' varsity basketball team advanced in the state tourney.



opponent, not spirit, is in denial
Freshman Amanda Koeling dances to the beat of the combined cheerleader voices as everyone chants in unison, "I don't think so, no, no," as the boys' basketball team drops back on defense. The spirit squad did not participate in any competitions for a change, but were kept busy with the long seasons in boys' and girls' basketball.

rally together

At a pep rally, the cheerleaders and the poms work together to make the school song more enjoyable for everyone. When the cheerleaders and the poms are all singing, dancing, and cheering at the same time, the crowd shows more enthusiasm.



we are hc!
we are hc!
Holly Gasior takes control of the crowd chanting a cheer at one of the pep rallies. "I had fun . . . cheering at semistate and at the PCC Tournament Championship games," Holly said. "It was a long season, but I had a great time!"

a team made of Steele

roster-roulette turns rookie coach into a mix-master as JV shuffles through a trial and error season

by Scott Klein

The JV boys' basketball team had its fair share of troubles as the season rolled around. Former coach Chris York chose to give up the position for family considerations allowing Mike Steele to take up the challenge.

"I was asked to take the position of JV coach and since I played high school basketball, I thought that I could help the team and have some fun as well," Steele commented.

The team had some trouble finding players that wanted to play. After all was said and done, a total of 17 boys played at one time or another for the team. The starting line-up was different almost every game.

"Our team never really got into a rhythm because every game there was a new set of players on the court," junior Jeff Kienzle stated.

"We didn't get along as well as last year," junior Jim Zerby added, "that, and the fact that we were not used to playing with each other, were big factors in the outcome of games."

JV teams with good records only come around once in a while and the chewing monotony of a losing streak made it hard for players to stay motivated. Some players got up, and some didn't. So despite the record, everyone learned something about himself.

boys' freshman basketball

that's the way the ball bounces

freshmen discover what it takes to win some games at the next level

by Scott Klein

Being a freshman on a freshman team had its ups and downs. One had to deal with the last time slots for practices, the back gym, and not much fan support at games. But playing on the freshman basketball team built good character.

"I didn't like the outcome of our season by looking at our record," Adam Itczak said, "but I learned more about the game and I hope it helps me next year when I try to move to the next level."

According to team members, it was a fun year no matter what the record showed.

"My best memory was Coach Heiser's high percentage from beyond the arc," Bryan Brightwell joked.



boys' freshman basketball

Front: Josh Wilson, Erik Mantel, Adam Itczak, Brian Brightwell, Ricky Golden, Bobby Ostrowski, and Marvin Boileau. Back: Coach Eric Patchin, John Derousseau, Brandon Barks, Bill Kolada, Keith Buikema, Kyle McIver, and Coach Stephen Heiser.



boys' JV basketball

Front: Matt Surprise, Chris Huseman, Mike Wick, Jeff Kienzle, Jim Zerby, Scott Johnivan, and Tony Brainer. Back: Coach Mike Steele, Manager Brad Buikema, Roger Niemeyer, Derek Barsic, Bob Kolada, Nick Medrano, Chris Mantel, and Manager Brian Bugajski.



who wants it bad enough?

Erik Mantel and Bill Kolada battle with Morton players for a rebound. Erik played both JV and freshman basketball when the JV was in need of some players. The freshmen had a rough season, but this game against Morton, was a "W".



doing double duty

Jeff Kienzle throws down some tenacious defense on Boone Grove in a PCC matchup. On the other end of the court, he led the team in scoring averaging 8.9 points per game. His best game came at North Newton, where he sank 20 points, including four three-pointers.

ostrowski in overdrive

Freshman Bobby Ostrowski bumps past his man on the baseline. "Freshman ball was a good learning experience for everyone." Bobby said, "at least that is what I've heard."



games are won with hustle

Diving to the floor for a loose ball, JV's Chris Mantel gives his body for the team. Unfortunately, his Griffith opponent recovered the rock. However, Chris got up, sprinted to the other end, and stole the ball and drove for a fast-break layup. An injured back, however, sidelined him for the last few games of the season.

proving the media wrong

boys claim konference keg twice
as the wildcats upset pcc teams

by Ike Boyer

fire power

Season record:	7-15
PCC record:	4-3

Kantakee Valley	35-81
Gavit	59-72
Hebron	62-51
Washington Township	56-51
Griffith	59-72
Whiting	63-59
Boone Grove	71-77
Beecher	46-50
North Judson	65-72
PCC tourney	
Kouts	54-52
Morgan Township	47-41
Wheeler	42-54
Morgan Township	48-51
North Newton	52-68
Lacrosse	61-50
Morton	36-41
Wheeler	51-50
Merillville	34-81
Kouts	64-70
Towell	63-76
River Forest	51-47
Sectional	
Lake Station	46-47

power players

Ryan Niemeyer:	All-PCC, MVP, Defensive award
Dan Shipman:	Assists award
Steve Rizo:	Rebounding award, Most Improved
Jake Viehman:	Mental Attitude award

Coming into the season the Wildcats were not expected to have a good year. The papers ranked them at the bottom of the barrel in the Porter County Conference with a projected conference record of 2-5. They didn't take that ranking too lightly, and made it a point to prove them wrong.

They first proved the media wrong when they matched up against state-ranked Kouts in the first round of the PCC tournament. After Ryan Niemeyer hit a 18-foot jumper with two seconds to go in overtime to put the Wildcats up by two, they were on their way. Hanover advanced to the second round, and took the keg along with them. Hanover then went on to defeat Morgan Township in the second round, only to come up a little short against Wheeler, who claimed the keg.

"Too many games were too close and we always came up short," junior Dan Shipman said. "I guess you could say we were the team of 'almost.'"

Hanover squared off against Lake Station in the first round of sectionals. "It was a see-saw battle the whole game and you just knew it was going to come right down to the last seconds," senior Jake Viehman said. "I just wish it could have been us smiling in the locker room after the game."

A questionable call with two seconds to go and the Wildcats up by one sent Lake Station to the line for a one-and-one. The Eagles made both free throws and ended the season for the Wildcats.

"We need to change our school's name to the Cedar Lake Leprechauns, that way we can trick the refs so they don't know who we are," junior Steve Rizo concluded.



boys' varsity basketball

Front: Dan Shipman, Josh Canarini, Ike Boyer, Josh Verbish, and Scott Klein. **Back:** Manager Brad Buikema, Brian Schreiber, Jake Viehman, Dustin Sjoerdema, Ryan Niemeyer, and Manager Brian Bugajski. Not Pictured: Coach Larry Govert.

just try
and take it

No one has a chance of taking that from junior Steve Rizo in an early home match-up against Griffith. Rizo was the leading rebounder on the team. He was playing at his peak near the end of the season as he recorded a career-high 25 points at River Forest. Despite his offensive heroics, the 'Cats were forced to walk away with another loss the last game of the regular season.





see ya . . .
wouldn't wanna be ya!
Splitting two of his Wheeler rivals, junior Dan Shipman executes an uncontested lay-up during the PCC championship game at Valparaiso High School. Hanover was the Cinderella team of the tourney, beating Kouts and Morgan on the way to the championship round. This was Dan's second year starting at point guard.



a canarini comeback
After ripping down the offensive rebound, senior Josh Canarini puts back the lay-up to help spark a comeback in a very important game against conference opponent Wheeler. After losing a hard-fought game and the Keg in the PCC championship to Wheeler, the boys rallied to claim the Keg again when they beat Wheeler by one point in the round robin conference game a few days later.



now you see me,
now you don't
Wheeler guard Sean Shafer has no chance in the world of stopping junior Ryan Niemeyer from taking the ball to the basket. Ryan toasted him for two of his game-high 17 points. Ryan was the leading scorer on the team, averaging just under 16 points per game. He was also fourth on the final voting sheet for All-PCC honors.



taking control of the game

Rachel Laud looks to pass as her teammates run the offense. Rachel led the team in scoring in this game against Momence. She scored 73 points on the season bringing her average to just over 4 points per game.



balance, eye, elbow, follow-through

Danielle Huffnagle concentrates on free throws despite the roar of the crowd. "The highlight of the season was definitely when we drenched Coach Kurth with water in the back gym at an early practice on Christmas Eve," Danielle said.



180 degrees the other way

after a rough start and a new coach, the JV girls bonded and turned around a potentially disastrous season

by Ike Boyer

What is a team without a coach? With only five days until their first game the girls found their answer—and it came with a badge.

New head coach Ron Kurth, of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, accepted the challenge of getting his team prepared for their first game, only five days away. Getting to know his players was his first obstacle to overcome.

"I had to have the girls wear name tags at first or I would have been lost," Coach Kurth said.

Getting to know their new coach wasn't easy for the girls either, but after a rough start they molded into a solid team.

"At first, I thought coach was a jerk! Nobody liked the way he ran our practices," freshman Megan McElmurry said. "Then we got used to his attitude and the way he ran things, and it became lots of fun!"

After a shaky start the girls not only pulled it together, but at one point won seven of eight games.

"After only several games we pulled it together, and started to win games even though no one expected us to," McElmurry added.

Starting off the season with a disappointing mark of 0-5 pushed the girls to work harder, and eventually turn their season around completely.

"The highlight of the season was when we won our first game of the season," sophomore Amber Westerhoff said. "No one expected it because we lost like five games in a row at the beginning of the season."

fire power

season record: 7-11

pcc record: 4-3

north judson	16-6
north newton	26-45
wheeler	28-41
lowell	25-55
remmington	19-52
lacrosse	32-16
kouts	37-36
morton	36-30
river forest	29-21
calumet	25-14
andrian	25-44
washington township	41-23
hebron	43-32
wheeler	33-35
kanakiee valley	21-34
boone grove	32-35
momence	26-39
morgan township	36-38

are you positive?

Adrienne Shroka scratches her head in response to a questionable call as Beth Wendlinger follows her to the sideline to rebound the ball. "We were happy with our record because we got off to a slow start," Adrienne said. "After losing our first five games, we won the next five to even our record," Beth added.



point of order

Beth Wendlinger plays the point guard position showing that she is very versatile. Beth could play any spot on the court. In doing that, she proved to Coach Kurth and varsity coach Dennis Miller that she could make the varsity roster for all of their postseason games, including semistate.



jv girls' basketball

Front: Amy Gley, Meyan McElmurry, Danielle Huffagle, Adrienne Shroka, and Rachel Laud. **Back:** Coach Ron Kurth, Stephanie Huppenthal, Bridget Castner, Amber Westerhoff, Beth Wendlinger, and Jenny Bohling.

lady wildcats reach semistate

fire power

season record:	21-5
pcc record:	6-1
north judson	62-71
north newton	59-66
wheeler	68-62
towell	52-45
rensselaer	66-49
lacrosse	88-28
kouts	51-59
morton	63-27
river forest	81-63
petone	73-39
mcmahon	71-49
momence	64-81
washington township	101-39
hebron	87-22
pcc tourney	
kouts	59-44
morgan township	67-46
wheeler	61-37
lakawee valley	59-52
bonne grove	67-34
momence	43-63
morgan twp.	68-51
sectional	
wheeler	70-54
river forest	67-49
north newton	70-63
regional	
north judson	63-54
semistate	
eastern hancock	39-62

power players

christy koby:	all-pcc, all-sectional, assists award, steals award
trisha roberts:	mary jo bishop mental attitude award
christy bilinski:	defensive award
michelle york:	defensive award
melanie brumbaugh:	all-pcc, all-sectional, field goal percentage, rebound award
tammi boersma:	all-pcc, most improved
christy haduch:	best free throw percentage

records and opponents tumbled as a cinderella season was stopped just short of one more historical game

by Josh Canarini

It didn't matter whether it was Melanie Brumbaugh scoring 26 points and grabbing 19 rebounds, the girls scoring 101 points in a near 70-point thrashing of Washington Township, or if it was Tammi Boersma scoring a school record 34 points in one game.

The ending was always the same: another victory for the Lady Wildcats.

The girls "only" managed to win 21 games and the school's first ever regional title, along with sectionals, the PCC tourney, and the Momence Holiday tourney.

"I knew we had a team with great potential and good chemistry, so we figured we had a good team going into the season," Boersma commented. "Our team goal was to win the sectional and make a name for ourselves."

The girls seemed to start off on a bad note, however. They lost head coach Tim O'Connor due to resignation. They had to adjust to new coach Dennis Foster. And they lost two of their first three games. Then they turned the corner.

"I don't think it affected us too much because we knew we had to accept whatever it was and start practicing for a good season," Christy Haduch said.

"It just took us a little while to get used to Foster and to learn his ways of coaching."

Boersma added. This was Foster's first year as a girls' coach after years of success with PCC rival Hebron High School's boys' program.

The Lady Wildcats quickly adjusted and went on a 16-game tear, winning all but one of those



games. They managed to set several school records on the way, along with winning a few tourney championships. As the end of the season drew near, the girls began to realize their true potential.

They entered sectionals on a mission to show off their victory dance. The 'Cats easily blew past Wheeler and River Forest in reaching the championship game. They met North Newton and avenged an early season loss, winning by seven points, to win their first ever sectional title.

It didn't stop at sectionals. The girls had to play North Judson at regionals. Judson, like Newton, also beat the Lady 'Cats in an early season game. In a *Times* newspaper interview, Melanie Brumbaugh said, "I knew it could be our last game and I didn't want that to happen. We knew we would have to leave everything on the court."

"They had been here before, it was our first time, we needed to prove something," Christy Koby told the *Times*. "We're so little, everybody said we couldn't do it. We wanted it and we got it. It's incredible."

It was the school's first ever regional title, too. "It's something they can enjoy for a week and for a lifetime," coach Foster said. And the girls got on a bus and danced all the way down to semistate at Maconaquah.

"Our best moments were winning sectionals and regionals, and then knowing we were heading for semistate. The bus ride was so exciting!" Haduch exclaimed.

This Cinderella story, however, did not end in a win. The girls dropped the opening-round game to Eastern Hancock. It was hard for them, especially the seniors, but they went out with their best season ever.

"I'm really proud of what our team accomplished this year," senior Trisha Roberts said. "I've never felt closer to a team. I wanted to experience the state championship atmosphere with my team, my best friends."

girls' varsity basketball

Front: Amy Lavelle, Christy Koby, Kelly Garrett, Christy Bilinski, Christy Haduch, and Michelle York. **Back:** Coach Denny Foster, Tammi Boersma, Trisha Roberts, Julie Moniak, Melanie Brumbaugh, and Coach Ron Kurth.



freshman phenomenon

In the PCC Tourney game, Julie Moniak makes her move against a Wheeler player. She had less time to prepare for a varsity basketball career than other girls, but that made no difference in her performance. As one of two "twin towers of power," she and Melanie Brumbaugh made it tough for opponents to grab rebounds. Their domination on the rebounding end of the court was a big key to the Lady Wildcats' success.



eyes of the tiger- or a lady wildcat

Sizing-up her opponent on defense is Michelle York's main goal in this rematch with Momence at home. Michelle shared the job as a defensive stopper with Christy Bilinski most of the season, but she got the call this game. The first time the team faced Momence they beat them on their turf—but it was close. The second time, Momence came out with a little more vengeance and overcame the 'Cats in regular season play. Momence was an Illinois school, so the loss didn't matter in the conference standings or in the state tourney.

no blood, no foul for eastern players

Melanie Brumbaugh and Julie Moniak battle with two Eastern Hancock players for a rebound in the semifinal game. The game was just as rough as the picture shows as Eastern threw their biggest girls at Mel and Julie to bang them up and keep them off of the boards. The referees may not have been used to the physical, scrappy play of Northwest Indiana basketball, calling a plethora of fouls on the Lady 'Cats, but keeping Eastern out of foul trouble.

it's all about form

Steve Wick practices his swing while warming up for a match on his home course. Steve golfed for four years and as a senior he usually played in the number two spot throughout the season.



where did it go?

Just having hooked his ball into the rough, senior Kyle Dill examines the shaft on his driver to make sure that it is as straight as an arrow. Kyle was a bright spot on the team as teammates agreed that he made the season more enjoyable for everyone.

the older the wiser

The boys' golf team listens as Coach Campbell lends free advice after practice. "At this point, we were lacking confidence in ourselves," Kyle Dill explained. "Mr. Campbell showed us a light and led us into a new era of golf as we knew it."



'hook it up'

the first-ever tourney win was a turning point for a new coach and a team that was filled with talent and unity

by Scott Klein

close,
get so far
Highman Eric Yukon takes some practice
shots before a match. He said he enjoyed
his first season on the team, adding, "It
was a good experience." Improvement for
this year was a goal for everyone, but
highmen had a better chance to improve
as they practiced their game in the off-
season.



boys' golf

Front: Brian Brightwell, Brad Buikema, Mike Petros, Andy Miller, and Erik Yukon. **Back:** Coach Scott Campbell, Steve Wick, Kyle Dill, Brian Buikema, Nathan Greer, and Mike Stamate.



fire power

season record: 10-7

laville jr invite	10th of 18
river forest	172-219
portage	175-163
morton	173-194
kankakee valley	167-174
wheeler	167-180
kouts	167-189
minsterdale	176-195
elkhart memorial tourney	2nd of 8
bishop rull	189-190
river forest	189-199
kankakee valley invite	8th of 21
north newton	172-181
minsterdale invite	12th of 20
boone grove invite	1st of 8
gavit	175-189
south newton	180-183
kankakee valley	177-184
lowell	177-172
boone grove	192-182
griffith	178-177
lou laconetti invite	13th of 16
lake central	177-155
sectional	4th of 12

power players

mike petros:	team medalist, regional qualifier
brian brightwell:	mental attitude award
kyle dill:	direct award
mike stamate	driven award



a better kind of bar hopping

Trisha Roberts arches over the high jump bar on her way to an excellent post season. She won conference, the sectional, and the regional in the event on her way to a second consecutive year competing at the state meet. At state she cleared 5'2" and placed 22nd.

who's winning now?

Kelly Garrett does her best to hold off Michelle Dela Vina in the distance medley at the Hanover Relays. Kelly was the lead-off leg on the 3200-meter relay, while also running the 3200-m run and sometimes the 1600-m run. She clearly excelled in distance events, becoming a regional qualifier in the 3200-m event.



It's all about teamwork

Judy Allen hands the baton to Megan Vassar in the 1600 meter relay at the PCC championship meet. They took first in their event, but they didn't stop there. Judy won the 300-m hurdles and Megan was on the championship all-conference 400-m relay team.



Senior seasons are always the best

In a memorable senior season, Michelle York takes a hurdle at blinding speed to anchor the shuttle hurdles team at Hanover Relays. The meet proved to be a set-up for the next meet. "One of my favorite meets was the Calumet Invitational," Michelle explained. "It was my birthday that I will never forget." She was named the meet MVP as the team wrapped off with the championship trophy.

girls' track

Front: Sandy Willbarger, Christy Bilinski, Leda Kaper, Kelly Garrett, Megan Vassar, Megan McElmurry, Hillary Smith. **Middle:** Becky Van Lear, Emily Rawlins, Michelle York, Shannon McLaughlin, Amanda Koeling, Lindsey Shelby, Pam Peterson. **Back:** Sandy Allen, Trisha Roberts, Bridget Castron, Coach Bonnie Beamer, Coach Carol Grady, Tammi Boersma, Stephanie Huppenthal, Megan Hofer.

girls' track

another animal with nine lives

'wildcats' enjoy longevity, too, as the girls' track squad takes yet another pcc meet and round robin championship

by Scott Klein

As I sat here wracking my brain for a different approach to the girls' track yearbook story, I could think of only one thing. Every year it is the same story: undefeated in the conference. Now the streak has stretched to nine—years, that is. Nine consecutive PCC meet and round robin championships. Did anyone have a doubt that they would lose? Does anyone think they will lose for the next five years? I didn't think so.

While the PCC was a small-school conference, the sectional was where the big schools attacked the little schools like blood thirsty lions stalking hobbling chickens. There were no hobbling chickens on the Lady Wildcat track team. Instead, there were four sectional champions. The 3200-meter relay team in a school record time of 9:56, Michelle York in the 800, Christy Bilinski in the long jump, and Trisha Roberts in the high jump with a school record jump of 5'4". She also was the regional champion and the lone state qualifier for the girls. The hobbling chickens, as some called them, also managed to place third as a team in a strong sectional.

"We did much better than we thought we would do," Michelle York explained. "Once again, we pulled together and did what we had to do to win."

"Although we did not match our record-breaking season of last year, our younger girls stepped up and showed us what they can do," Christy Bilinski added.

So as the chicken hobbled away, it wryly smiled while it passed the blood thirsty lion. The lion just got beat, and it knew it.



fire power

season record:	11-0
pcc record:	7-0

river forest	103.5-23
lake station	103.5-28.5
north newton	95.38
south newton	93.2-42
hebron	87.36
morgan township	90.33
kouts	99.27
lacrosse	102.14
washington township	87.5-11.5
hanover relays	1st of 6
calumet invitational	1st of 8
boone grove	98.22
wheeler	98.25
pcc meet	1st of 8
merillville sectional	4th of 11
highland regional	12th of 41

power players

michelle york: sectional champion
all-pcc, most valuable numeric

christy bilinski: most valuable in field events, all-pcc, sectional champion, regional champion, state qualifier

christy bilinski: mental attitude award, all-pcc, sectional champion

sandy allen: all-pcc, most improved award

bridgett castner: all-pcc, sectional champion, rookie of the year award

shannon mcLaughlin: all-pcc

kelly garrett: all-pcc, sectional champion

megan vassar: all-pcc, sectional champion

'two' many hurdles

despite losing two conference meets for the first time in five years, the boys pulled together for a memorable year.

by Scott Klein

Things didn't work out how they were planned for the boys' track team. Coming off of a perfect '98 season, the boys had big shoes to fill. They wanted a fourth straight PCC meet championship, and, hopefully, a round-robin plaque to go with it. It didn't happen, but there were still some surprises.

Many meets were postponed at the beginning of the season, including Wheeler, the favored team in the conference. They ran against the Bearcats later in the year, but didn't win it any better as Wheeler took the meet and the round robin title.

"Since we lost to Hebron before the Wheeler meet, we were looking to tie three ways for first in the conference," Jim Zerby explained, "but we didn't run up to our potential—again."

"We didn't win everything and that hurt," Josh Canarini said. "I guess we were spoiled because we always won and this year we didn't." He was the lone individual conference champion at the PCC meet and the MVP at the Lowell Relays.

The Wildcats did score some championships, taking the Lowell Relays, and teaming with the girls for the Hanover Relays trophy.

The 3200 relay team of Mike Shaw, Omar Sanchez, Chris Mantel, and Scott Klein won the PCC, while placing second at sectionals and third at regionals. That qualified them for the state meet—the first boys' relay team in school history to reach Indy. They were also the first boys' runners since Jason Storms in 1991. Coach Foulds hadn't lost his touch. And something was going around about a peak performance plan. Hmm.

fire power

season record:	10-2
pcc record:	5-2
monter	86-45
river forest	88-44
lake station	113-19
north newton	91-40
south newton	83-45
hebron	62-70
morgan township	82-50
hanover relays	1st of 6
monter invite	3rd of 6
lacrosse	106-24
washington township	28-103
lowell relays	1st of 5
wheeler	57-75
boone grove	106-26
pcc meet	3rd of 8
kouts	89-43
sectionals	7th of 12
regionals	3rd for 20th
state	no score

power players

Josh Canarini:	all-pcc, most valuable sprinter
Scott Klein:	all-pcc, most valuable distance runner, regional qualifier, state qualifier, mental attitude award
Rich Dobin:	most improved
Mike Shaw:	all-pcc, state qualifier
Chris Mantel:	all-pcc, state qualifier
Omar Sanchez:	all-pcc, state qualifier



boys' track

Front: Kevin Devine, Brian Bugajski, Adam Walker, Matt Surprise, Dean Nelson, Jim Zerby, Erik Johnson, Eric Dembrowski, Row 2: Chip Baacke, Jeff Wittenhagen, Scott Klein, Mike Urena, Nick Medrano, Chris Mantel, Dick Dobin, Mike Shaw, Row 3: Chris Reh, Erik Mantel, Ryan Thomas, Jon Howe, Adam Itczak. Back: Coach Chris York, Omar Sanchez, Dominick Kortokrax, Bill Kolada, Dan Shipman, Josh Canarini, Cecil Pendleton, and Coach Steve Foulds.

a skip, a hop,
and a jump

Dan Shipman achieves good form for his final jump at 5'10" at the annual Hanover Relays. Dan cleared the height all season long, but somehow couldn't hop over this six-foot barrier. Teamed with Josh Canarini, they won the high jump events at both the Hanover and Lowell Relays.



bound for the capitol

Mike Shaw pulls away from Hebron's Mike Thuner in the distance medley at the Hanover Relays. Mike was the lead-off leg of the state-qualifying 3200 meter relay team. "It was our goal from the beginning of the year to go to Indy," Mike said, "And we did it—we made history."



chuckin' the rock

Senior Dominick Kortokrax hurls a shot put with brute force as his arch rival, Wheeler's Keith McBride, watches in awe. Dominick advanced to the regional meet at Valparaiso with a throw of 47' 6". At the regional meet, he threw a personal best of 49' 7" to place ninth.



eyes on the gold

Jon Howe hands off to Chris Reh in the 400 meter relay. Reh, also known on the team as "Radar" because of his ability to predict the weather, (or inability, as it turned out) was in his second year on the team while Howe endured rookie status as a freshman.

sweet success

while beating almost everyone in their path and reminding the state that Hanover does exist, the lady wildcats turned a dream into a reality as one of the best softball teams in the state

by Scott Klein

fire power

season record:	23-2
pcc record:	7-0
chesterton	2-0
bishop rohl	2-0, 2-1
north newton	6-0
wheeler	3-1
lowell	6-0
tacrosse	15-0
river forest	6-0
south newton	11-2
kouts	15-0
rensselaer	14-2
morgan twp.	1-0
boone grove	5-0
washington twp.	20-0
hebron	15-0
pcc tourney:	
morgan twp.	3-0
kouts	13-2
wheeler	3-0
kankakee valley	9-0
munster	6-0
griffith	4-0
crown point	5-1
whiting	3-2
clark	8-0
sectional:	
morgan twp.	0-3

power players

crystal fisher:	co-mvp, all-pcc
beth wendlinger:	co-mvp, all-pcc
jenny bohling:	defensive award, most improved, all-pcc
melanie brumbaugh:	all-pcc, offensive award
lynne bohling:	mental attitude award



I can't throw when I'm laughing Beth Wendlinger smiles at a quick break from catcher Crystal Fisher during some warm-up pitches before an inning. Of course, it was easy to have fun on a team that won 23 games. Beth played softball all of her life and finally got a chance to show the area just what she could do. She was one of the top three pitchers in the region.

I'll take a better pitch

Melanie Brumbaugh pops a foul over the backstop during a game at the Cedar Lake Softball Fields. Melanie led the team in hits with 40, and in batting average (.465). The All-PCC players also batted 13 runners and had one of the team's two home runs.



girls' softball

Front: Lynda Szanyi, Jill Gorni, Michelle Roak, Brienne Sheehy, and Tiffany Sheehy. **Middle:** Coach Larry McMillan, Sarah Jager, Katie Cornett, Beth Wendlinger, Michelle Borger, and Lynn Molnar. **Back:** Coach Lisa Szanyi, Jenny Bohling, Crystal Fisher, Melanie Brumbaugh, Lynne Bohling, and Julie Monick.



should I stay
or should I go?

Lynne Bohling rounds first base and checks to see where the ball is. She had to settle for a single because the second baseman had the ball. Lynne was happy for a hit instead of a walk, where she led the team with 13. Pitchers must have been scared that she would always hit the ball anyway, so they just walked her.



there's no place
like home base

Sophomore Michelle Borger looks to steal second base as another batter tries to drive her home. Michelle had nine singles on the year, helping the team to its tremendous record. This was Michelle's first year on the varsity team.

**break out
the icy hot**

Mike Wick pitches his arm off in a home contest against North Newton. The number one pitcher on the jv team, Mike noted, "I would rather pitch than play defense."



**home is
where the heart is**

Adrienne Shroka connects with the ball at the Cedar Lake Softball Fields, the home field of the Wildcats. The jv team had to adapt quickly to the rookie coach situation. It didn't take long and soon the girls were following Adrienne's lead and hitting balls like no tomorrow.

**settling
for first**

Getting ready to take his base, Tim Schotke walks after getting ball four. "I worked really hard this year and I hope to be on varsity next season," Tim said. "Maybe all of those arguments with Jeremiah in chemistry helped me along the way."



the reason for rookies

new coaches and new players made for memorable seasons for the jv teams playing America's favorite game

by Scott Klein

The freshman weren't the only rookies on the jv teams, as first year teachers Mike Steele and Steve Heiser enjoyed their inaugural spring seasons as head coaches of the boys' jv baseball and girls' jv softball teams.

"I coached jv basketball," Coach Steele said, "so I was already warmed up. We had a lot of fun this year." The boys' team played better than the average jv team as they finished the season two games above .500.

Following the winning tradition of their varsity counterparts, the girls' jv team also finished with a winning record.

"At first, it was a learning experience for both the players and the coach," freshman Julie Moniak explained, "but as time passed, we all got better as a team."

Julie was one of the many players that saw some varsity time. Both teams pulled players up to varsity for an occasional at-bat while also allowing them to gain experience playing on the defensive end.

So as the coaches taught, and the players listened, everyone learned and kept those "rookie mistakes" to a minimum.



boys'
jv baseball

Front: Jesse James, Bobby Ostrowski, Kyle McIver, Brian Minich, and Craig Schotzke. **Middle:** Tim Schotzke, Ryan Panozzo, Eric Gallo, and Coach Mike Steele. **Back:** Mike Wick, Paul Kallay, Brandon Barks, Matt Urbanczyk, and David Guzaski.

it runs in the family

Wendy Gasior follows in her sister, Nicolette's, footsteps as a pitcher. Wendy has been around softball for years and used her experience of the game wisely. Oh, and her drop ball is almost perfect.



jv girls' scores

fire power

season record: 6-5

chesterton	1-9
wheeler	14-1
becher	14-11
lowell	0-8
bishop noll	3-0
bishop noll (2)	1-3
rensselaer	8-0
morgan township	1-7
hebron	18-6
kankakee valley	14-7
griffith	1-7



girls'
jv softball

Front: Coach Steve Heiser, Lynn Molnar, Adrienne Shroka, Wendy Gasior, and Jill Kierzie. **Back:** Amanda May, Julie Moniak, Jamie Jenkins, Amber Westerhoff, and Nicki Panozzo.

jv boys' scores

fire power

season record: 7-5

washington township	14-24
river forest	14-11
hebron	19-2
morton	14-3
wheeler	8-7
lafayette central	5-15
griffith	1-11
lake station	10-7
east chicago central	14-11
north newton	13-15
lowell	4-5
lacrosse	5-2

crush the eggshells

Nailing one of his 14 hits on the season, Jeremiah Johnson displays good form. "Form is everything," he said. He proved that while leading the team in batting average (.341), Jeremiah played in the outfield on defense.



safe by a mile

Sacrificing his body for the team, Ike Boyer avoids getting picked off at first by sliding back to the bag. The pitcher must have been scared of Ike's blazing speed and wanted to keep him around the base. Ike was noted for his pitching, but he also played some infield and contributed greatly with his hitting.



here's the heat

Junior Adam Kowalczyk takes the mound in a home game. With only one true roster pitcher, other members of the team had to step up and help toss the ball. Many players had their chance on the mound, including Adam, who pitched 14 innings. He also had the third lowest ERA on the team.



touched but
comfortable
how does it feel to be in that
position for an entire game? Ask Alan
Myszkowski, who played catcher all
season long. He vastly improved while
playing summer ball and it showed on
the field. He also had an almost perfect
season, recording only two errors.



ast a
ick
Bo Speichert connects with the ball just
ough to get a foul call. Bo had 15 hits
the year and tied for the team lead in
doubles with six. Bo played second base,
one much of the action in a baseball
game takes place.

tuned to a fine pitch

senior-dominated team rallies around
All-PCC pitcher Ike Boyer in a season
of close and not-so-close calls

by Scott Klein

Each year baseball gets better for the BalCats. While almost snagging an even record, the team lost three games by only one run. The luck also didn't swing their way in the first round of the PCC tourney, as Hebron barely won, 3-2. And it was like *deja vu* for the boys in the sectional when Lake Station took the first round match-up by the skin of their teeth, 5-4.

Their competitive nature was evident as the team faced state powers Washington Township and Boone Grove, both conference rivals. Hanover flexed its muscle on other conference teams by shutting out Kouts and slaughtering Morgan.

The team had to deal with the lack of pitchers in the duration of the season. Ike Boyer was the only real pitcher at the beginning of the season. Coach Ron Szanyi was challenged to find that perfect relief man since pitchers couldn't throw in every game.

Ryan Andrews, a senior outfielder, took to the mound on many occasions proving to the baseball world that he could chuck the hardball. He kept his ERA lower than any other pitcher besides Boyer. Ryan Niemeyer and Adam Kowalczyk, both juniors, also got the call.

Metaphorically speaking, all teams want a level field, but the Wildcats faced the problem literally.

"We would all make pretty good landscapers if we don't make it in baseball," Ryan Niemeyer joked. Coach Szanyi put in more time than anyone keeping the field playable. And maybe raking was the key to their success. It did build arm muscles.



fire power

season record:	8-11
pcc record:	3-6

whiting	4-3
lowell	2-6
griffith	0-12
hammond clarke	4-3
washington township	1-11
boone grove	2-9
hammond gavit	3-18
becher	6-19
south newton	3-6
morgan township	11-1
kouts	3-0
hebron	3-13
hammond morton	13-3
lacrosse	3-2
wheeler	10-11
river forest	11-1
pcc tourney	
hebron	2-3
lake station	15-2
sectionals	
lake station	4-5

power players

ike boyer:	all-pcc. mvp. outstanding pitcher
jeremiah johnson:	defensive outfield award, offensive award
tim board:	hurle award, mental attitude award
bo speichert:	defensive infield award
alan myszkowski:	most improved

varsity baseball

Front: Jeff Kienzle, Jason Lord, Alan Myszkowski, Bo Speichert, Jeremiah Johnson. **Middle:** Ike Boyer, Adam Meyer, Jeff Peterson, Tim Board, Roger Niemeyer, Tony Kretz. **Back:** Coach Ron Szanyi, Matt Eberle, Ryan Niemeyer, Ryan Andrews, Dustin Sjoerdsmo.

'love' me tender

fire power

season record 8-10

classmate available:

season schedule

valley valley

golf

swimming high

wheelie

varsity tourney

valley valley

calmet

bonnie grove

river forest

east -charge central

whiting

morton

swim

bonnie grove

sectional

power players

christy haduch:

mvp

girls' varsity tennis

Front: Jennie Olenick, Claudia Reyes, and Kim Jens. **Back:** Holly Gasior, Christy Haduch, Coach Greg Whitacre, Amy Gley, and Toni Sheehy.



girls' JV tennis

Front: Robyn Arwood, Lisa Jaradowski, Robbie Jo Burk, Stephanie Roedel, and Jennifer Smith. **Back:** Jenny Watt, Jenni Wallace, Lindsay McDonald, Lindsey Sincavage, and Coach Greg Whitacre.

140 —number of people crammed into vans for away matches • sports

Inexperience was evident, but with no seniors on the squad, these youngsters enjoyed a season of improvement

by Scott Klein

It's every coach's nightmare. Field a young squad with 12 players that had no experience at all. If you were Coach Greg Whitacre, that wasn't really a problem.

"Our main goals were to improve and have fun. There were times that we forgot to do both, but overall we did these things," Coach Whitacre said.

The tennis team always played better against the better teams, he noted, but showed too much fear against the teams that weren't as good.

"Most of our better matches were the ones that we lost big," Coach Whitacre explained. Beating Wheeler was a highlight.

"Everyone likes to beat Wheeler," Christy Haduch said. Christy played number one singles all season and had the best individual record on the team.

Number two singles player Holly Gasior summed it up. "The season was pretty average, but everyone had fun and that is the main thing."

And Coach Whitacre could sleep a little easier.

Action photos courtesy of Toni Sheehy



40-love,
right?

Pulling out her Steffi Graf-like serve, Holly Gasior rips one at her opponent. Holly seized a varsity opportunity a year ago when another team member was injured and continued polishing her game to earn the number two spot.



experience this

Christy Haduch returns a serve with ease at a home match. Christy played number one singles all season and was the team MVP. She was one of just two returning players with any varsity experience.



twinkle toes

"You have to be on your toes when waiting to return a serve," Holly Gasior explained. Tennis took time and practice like all sports, but form also played a big role in a tennis match.



community

Only when people
plugged-in with others
and their surroundings
could there be a real sense
of community. We did.

Coming together as one, students, teachers and people living in the community worked together to help each other out. Throughout the year various programs helped out the community, even the building of another dollar store.

"I think the Angel Tree is a really good idea to help those around town who don't have the chances to buy things for their kids at Christmas," freshman Adrienne Shroka stated. "It's a way to show, that even with all the trash we talk about our town, we do actually care."

Although the economy was good, thrift was a important to everyone. A new store helped.

"The Family Dollar on our side of the lake! I was in complete shock to see the store go up, but it's all good because now we don't have to go to the other side of the lake to go to the dollar store," junior Ryan Longfellow commented.

New business, new housing, and new people all plugged-in to keep the community thriving. The connections were obvious when we looked at the Cedar Lake community and beyond.

Helpful angels, senior Jeff Peterson, junior Jennifer Olenick, and senior Emily Gentry gather gifts for the Angel Tree Project to be distributed by the township trustee. The annual event, sponsored by the honor societies, encouraged students to connect with those less fortunate in the community.

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Building its connection with the community, the Family Dollar store opened its doors in the spring. The store offered low-cost variety to students, teachers, and anyone else who shopped in Cedar Lake. It was also convenient for students since it was built across the street from the school.





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Home run

• Sosa and McGwire battle for Maris'

'unbreakable' title

By Nick Kowalczyk

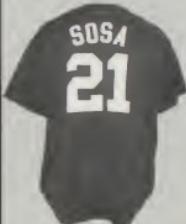
feat established in 1961,* 61 homeruns in one season by Maris was on the break of being broken by two fortunate souls. Chicago Cubs' outfielder Sammy Sosa and St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman Mark McGwire were inching closer and closer as day and day by to breaking the 37 year old record.

It was his second at-bat of the game, ironically against the Cubs. It's the fourth inning. Pitching: Steve Trachsel. Batting: Mark McGwire. McGwire had 61 homeruns going into this at-bat. It was a fastball, McGwire swings, the bat connects with the ball, the ball sails in the air, crowd goes silent, the ball clears the fence by a mere 3 feet, and the crowd goes wild. History has been made. A 37 year old record of 61 homeruns has been broken by Mark McGwire on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:18 P.M.

It was a memorable year for baseball. McGwire went on to finish the year off with a whopping 70 homeruns and Sosa with a big 66 dingers on the year. It was a race between the two throughout the year. Sosa's biggest run was during the month of July, and from there he was right in the running with McGwire.



history



By Nick Kowalczyk

"I'm not really into watching baseball on TV, but when this started rallying up that the homerun record was on the verge of being broken, I started to watch," freshman Kevin Devine commented. "It was exciting to watch the two battle to see who will break it and to see who would come up with the most at the end."

It seemed as if everytime McGwire would pull ahead with a homerun or two from Sosa, the next game Sosa would hit a dinger and keep up. The lead for homeruns changed daily as Sosa would pull ahead, but wham bam out of nowhere McGwire would smash a couple homeruns and tie or move ahead. This went on from August to the end of the year going vice versa between them. It finally ended with Sosa hitting a total of 66 and McGwire hitting a historic total of 70.

*Roger Maris hit his 61st homerun in a make-up game after the season had already finished in 1961. This homerun was controversial because the season, technically, was over. The homerun broke the previous record of 60 held by Babe Ruth.

Plugged into the net

HANOVER JUMPS ON BOARD THE INTERNET BAND WAGON

By Nick Kowalczyk

IT FINALLY HAPPENED. The school network was finished and students went online. That meant in order to use a computer at school students had to have an Internet Access Agreement form turned in. While it took most of the year, over 85 percent of the student body eventually had the document on file.

Going online provided students with the largest research source of all: the world wide web. Being online and with all the web pages and links that were on the net, it was relatively easy to find something for everyone online. The sheer volume of material, however, made locating it difficult at times.

New tools brought new frustrations, too. It definitely wasn't unheard of to hear someone screaming at the computer for not being able to find what you wanted, not finding the site, or even when the computer crashed.

"I really think that the school going online was a great idea. Makes reports and homework a lil' easier to finish when your book or such doesn't help you any," junior Tony Kretz said, "but I've had my moments where I just wanted to take the



Trying to look up facts for a story, CyberCat editor Ado Anderson uses the Internet for research as well as for publishing. CyberCat was the first high school newspaper in Indiana, and possibly the nation, to be published exclusively on the Internet.

computer and throw it across the room. I never have, but I've been very very close."

The Internet allowed the newspaper staff to reinvent itself.

The old Cat's Eye staff announced that it would no longer use the school printing press to publish the paper. Instead, the new CyberCat staff published online and updated some material every day. In pioneering the virtual newspaper, they learned the ways of the Internet. It took practice and time to understand the process and for students to get used to visiting the site, but the concept offered students something new.

"It's good for those who have the Internet and go and look at it anytime they want," junior Ryan Longfellow said. "For those who didn't have the Internet, they were left out unless they could use a computer at school. I, myself, don't have the Internet, so I have to use a computer at school to check this out."

In one way, the Internet at school helped students find resource material as well as keeping informed by the school's newspaper when they had the time. But the little problem was that in order to do any of this you had to have that agreement form turned in and accounted for. The school going online presented some challenges, but for most, it was a great opportunity.



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Sporting a new look

• SCHOOL PUTS ON A NEW FACE, TIGHTENS A FEW WRINKLES

By Nick Kowalczyk

YOU PASSED BY THE SCHOOL throughout the summer you would have noticed some changes being made to the school. There was new pickup on the parking lot and new windows in every wall. You might have noticed the new doors, too. But if you didn't see any of this, someone certainly saw you—through the new security cameras mounted outside three entrances.

"It's a different feeling walking through the school with all these changes being done to the school," junior Scott Johnivan said. "I mean, it's a good thing that the school is making changes. (It) makes us look like we're getting in with the times around us."

Students also found more changes as they walked through the school. The science labs had been completely gutted and updated with desks and small lab tables along the sides of the rooms. The accounting room also received a facelift with the addition of carpeting and new Gateway computers. Outside, new fencing was installed around the baseball field and track as school began.

"I found it rather cool that the school changed so much in the summer's time," junior Cecil Pendleton said. "It was interesting to find the school put in a security system . . . and new doors. It was all a change for everyone. I doubt it will take getting used to, but it's still neat."



▲ Removing part of the old fence was just one of the jobs being done throughout the summer. The school finally replaced the rusted out fence around the baseball field.

Security was on the minds of everyone as the state required every school to develop an emergency plan in light of the increase in school violence around the country. Hanover's plan was ready to go even before the tragedy at Columbine (CO) High School. The security system

required anyone who wanted to gain entrance to the school to be buzzed in by someone in the main office. This included deliverymen, sales representatives, and even parents. Visitors were asked their business and directed to the office or the requested area once approved.

The new system also forced students who were tardy to school to buzz in. This resulted in fewer students sneaking in late. Seniors coming back to campus after lunch had to buzz in as well, which also prompted them to get to homeroom on time.

"It didn't seem to have that much of an effect on me," Johnivan continued, "but it was still a change for the school entirely."

"The remodeling in the school was a great idea," Pendleton added. "It's great that the school took the time and money involved to get the school with the times. Now all we have to do is change the lockers a little and I'll be fine. No, but really, it was great that we did all these changes," he chuckled.



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By Nick Kowalczyk

WITH ALL THE NEWS that happened through the course of a year, it was hard to keep up with everything. Whether it was the bombings in Belgrade by NATO, the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, or the shootings in Colorado, they all made an impact.

Junior Nick Kowalczyk paced frantically throughout the day on April 20, 1999, hoping for his friend, Stephanie Williams, a student at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, to come out safely during the school shootings.

"I'm not religious at all, but all I could think of was praying to God, and asking that he guide her (Williams) out of that school safely. When I finally got a hold of her and found out she was okay, it was beyond explanation as to what I felt. I couldn't help but cry," the yearbook editor commented on the tragic day.

The previous day, 13 people were massacred (12 students and one teacher) and the two gunmen committed suicide.

"The only thing that was going through my mind was to get out of the building as fast as I could. We didn't know, at that point, what was happening. All we knew, is we had to get out," Williams said in describing the horror she faced while inside the school.



Catching up on the happenings of the world, junior Tony Kretz flips through the paper in his spare time at school. "I read the sports page first, but I eventually get around to the rest of the news," commented Kretz.

"I just want to say thank you to all those who have prayed for us and for the many donations. It's amazing how many people care. It sucks that such a huge tragedy had to be the thing to bring us all together," Williams concluded.

Impeachment. Scandal. Lies. President Bill Clinton faced charges of sexual misconduct with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The president was put on trial for these so-called "sex crimes." Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives, but found not guilty by the Senate in the historic trial. Clinton apologized to the nation for his actions.

Lewinsky faced the public's conflicting viewpoints. Some people still respected her but others felt she was just as responsible as the president for what happened.

The war between countries, a possible World War III on the brink, as NATO sent their bombers into Belgrade for hopes of stopping the cruelty in Yugoslavia. Target: Serbia. Plan: Bomb it. Next: Ground troops? Why? To try and save Kosovo.

"The bombing in Kosovo and Serbia is stupid in my opinion. Kosovo's population is run dry already. Why are we still bombing Serbia after Milosevic asked for peace?" Chip Baacke stated.

It was a year to remember as the end of the 20th century was now around the corner.



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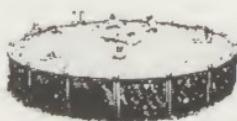


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Style Shift

SOUTH LAKE MALL TAKES ON A NEW LOOK TO STAY IN SHAPE

By Ada Anderson

WHEN SOPHOMORE JEN MALIK found out Southlake Mall would be adding a food court, her eyes grew big and she smiled from ear to ear.

"I always get hungry when I go to the mall, and there's only one good place to eat," Malik said. "Now I'll be able to spend more time at the mall, because I won't have to leave to eat."

The addition of a 35,000-square-foot food court was just one of many renovations to the 1970's decorated mall. Plans called for nine food vendors, three retail shops, a children's play area, 475 seats, and new restrooms.

"We are updating the mall to make it more enjoyable for our customers. It will be more modernized with different features," mall marketing director Amy Mellett explained.

Besides the food court, the center of the mall was renovated to include a glass elevator and an area to drink coffee.



▲ One . . . is equal to the number of fountains still standing in the Southlake Mall. The other two fountains were taken out at the beginning of the remodeling this winter.

► Walking the stairs may not be fun, but once the new escalators are installed getting from floor to floor of the mall will go back to being as easy as pie.

Other places in the mall also were remodeled. For example, the entrances were redesigned, existing restrooms were remodeled, and much of the mall was repainted. One of the most eye-catching changes was new landscaping inside the mall which included palm trees.

"It'll be a better place to hang out," freshman Andrew Couwenhoven added.

Other students were apathetic about the changes. "I don't care. I don't head to the mall that often," freshman Steve Langhans said. "I only go there to shop about once a year."

The mall was soon transformed, fresh and ready to start the new millennium. Everything new did not come without a price, though. Typical mall-goers used to making wishes in the fountains were surprised to find the fountains removed and replaced with the new features. This left some traditional shoppers feeling a little left out.



New Escalators

"It's not cool—the fountains are gone. It was so much fun getting rid of my pennies," sophomore Amy White said.

She quickly found an alternate solution for the coins, though. White said, "Now, I throw them at my little sister."



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Petty change

• STUDENTS DEBATE VALUE OF NEW STORE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEN GROUND BROKE, and construction workers began appearing across the street, students and teachers alike began wondering what exactly was being built.

But then a large sign appeared at the front of the building, "Family Dollar," and everyone soon knew another dollar store would be built in Cedar Lake.

Opinion on the new business was mixed. Some students had hoped something more entertaining like a bowling alley was being built, while others were quite happy about the dollar store.

"I'll buy candy there, because it's the closest thing to school. I don't feel like going out of my way to go buy sticks," freshman Ashley Drysdale said.

"I'll go there because it's a dollar store, and cheap," freshman Lauren Pawlak added.

"Traci Spender likes to buy candy every day at lunch, so now she can shop at Family Dollar," senior Sam Samuels said.

Others were not quite as excited about the store. Senior Rob Wiarda explained, "It fits the stereotype persona of the town. A Family Dollar makes it seem poor."

"I have nothing against the company, but a bad image for Cedar Lake. We already have one dollar store on the east side of the lake. We need businesses that are going to bring money into this town," senior Diana Petros

explained. "It's prime property being right across (from) the school. A better use for that property would be a movie theater or a bowling alley."

Senior Jacob Veihman added, "If they made it a Wendy's, I'd be there every day."

There were other concerns about theft. Freshman Jon Howe said, "They're going to get ripped off. If it's cheap, why pay for it? People are going to steal."

Regardless of what anybody thought, the store was built, and to the delight of future customers, would open. Faculty member Robert Krol concluded, "I love dollar stores. You can always get neat stuff, cheap."



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Adding variety to the Cedar Lake marketplace, Family Dollar offers quality goods at low prices. While some people would have preferred that a more up-scale store come to town, the new store offered more job opportunities to Hanover students and the community.

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Favorite things

• STUDENTS REVEAL PREFERENCES FOR EVERYDAY ITEMS

THEY SPRAYED, chewed, drank, lathered, worn, and even spit out.

Everyone has specific daily products they couldn't live without. Here are the results of a Key "My Favorite Things" survey. The replies given by 49 male and female students in grades 9-12 are listed below.

Favorite Clothing Store

1. Aeropostale	19%
2. American Eagle	16%
3. Gap	11%
4. Gleaners	11%
5. Kohls	9%
6. Other	34%



Favorite Pop

1. Mountain Dew	51%
2. Pepsi	19%
3. Sprite	16%
4. Coke	14%

Favorite Cologne

1. Curve	34%
2. Cool Water	26%
3. Hugo	21%
4. Tommy	11%
5. Other	8%

Favorite Perfume

1. Tommy Girl	60%
2. Gap	20%
3. Vanilla Fields	20%

Favorite Brand of Shampoo

1. Herbal Essence	34%
2. Pantene Pro V	34%
3. Suave	15%
4. Salon Products	6%
5. Other	10%

Favorite Candy Commons Item

1. Pop	37%
2. Ice Cream	35%
3. Candy Bar	16%
4. Chips	12%

Favorite Candy Bar

1. Snickers	70%
2. Milky Way	16%
3. Hershey's	8%
4. Nestle's Crunch	6%

Favorite Brand of Shoes

1. Nike	45%
2. Doc Martin	24%
3. Adidas	16%
4. Airwalk	6%
5. Other	8%

EVERYDAY ITEMS



Favorite Pants

1. Jeans	57%
2. Khaki	33%
3. Swishy Pants	6%
4. Cordonroy	4%



Favorite Candy Bar

1. Snickers	70%
2. Milky Way	16%
3. Hershey's	8%
4. Nestle's Crunch	6%

Favorite Toothpaste

1. Crest	46%
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3. Colgate	25%



Favorite Lotion

1. Bath & Body Works	67%
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Heart prints

• A LITTLE VOLUNTEER SERVICE

THE AGE OF 14, a determined young lady had a plan. She wanted a baseball court built to improve her neighborhood, and she already had property as long as the two run-down houses it were torn down.

So, this young girl collaborated with over a dozen friends and indeed the court built. Together, they raised money, collected donations, and the court still stands there today.

This was just one of many challenges Mrs. Mary Joan Dickson took on in her already overly filled volunteer service. "Now our play there, which is pretty cool," Dickson said.

She spends her life working in service to others and the community. "I always volunteered—even when I was a teenager," Dickson said.

Today Mrs. Dickson is extremely active in the community. She works full time as Hanover's In School Suspension Supervisor, as Athletic Booster Club's secretary, in the Hanover PTO, a tennis club member and from the Key Club sponsor. Besides that, she is a member of the Cedar Lake Historical Association, a Cedar Lake JCI Senator, works on the committee for Lake Enhancement, is the secretary of Cedar Lake Summerfest and volunteers for Girls Softball—just to name some of her responsibilities. Besides that, she works for a very small salary as Cedar Lake's park director.

Volunteering and service to her community is something Dickson has learned from her family. Her mother, school board member Joan Venne, taught her to be a good volunteer. "I can't fill her shoes, but I'm trying," Dickson said.

Every moment of her life has not been filled with joy, but she has been able to overcome many things because of service to others. For example, when she was 22, Dickson was faced with the challenge to care for four children not her own. Her first husband's mother died of cancer, and they were the only ones willing to take on the challenge of caring for four kids ranging in age from 12 to 17. She treated them like they were her own children. "I still feel they're my kids," she said.



During the day, Mrs. Dickson supervises the in-school suspension room full time, but outside of school she is extremely active in community and service groups. According to her, you can't volunteer enough, and she's living proof.

Those children learned from Dickson to serve others too. "Everybody did their share. They learned to volunteer too. We just had more help," she commented.

Another time service helped Mrs. Dickson was in the early 1990's when a group of students requesting her assistance in raising money was exactly what she needed to get over the failure of her first marriage. While working at the Boys Club, she led that group of teenagers to win International Boys Club Awards.

Dickson has earned plenty awards for herself, also. For example, she was Citizen of the Year in Lowell when she didn't even actually live there. She received a 1,000 Legacy Grant, and the Jaycees awarded her as a JCI Senator. The biggest award, though, are what she calls, "Heart Prints." "They're prints in your heart that make you feel good," she said. "You can't get enough of them. When people say they volunteer enough, they're lying."

Heart prints were also recallable. "You can always reflect on a moment you gave to someone else. They're always there for you, and nobody can take them away from you."

After giving so much to the children at the Boys Club, Dickson was faced with circumstances which forced her to leave and work midnights at Wal Mart unloading trucks. There, she injured her hands and could no longer lift boxes, so she ended up at Hanover. Her determination continued.

"The thing that upsets me is when people criticize. They look at me in a negative way for the time I give to their kids," Dickson said.

Throughout all this, she says she always finds the time. She concluded, "Somehow it's always there. I received a survey today about the hours kids spend watching TV. Thirty-eight percent of their time after school—there's a lot of time they could be doing something."

You can bet Mary Joan Dickson could find something for them to do.

By Ada Anderson

Blizzard time

• ALMOST EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER

THE BLIZZARD OF '98

By Scott Klein

ON THE EVE OF THE NEW YEAR, a few snowflakes fell upon the darkness of Northwest Indiana. The Chicagoland and northwest part of Indiana received almost 21 inches of snow by the time the New Year's holiday was over.

School was closed due to the Christmas Vacation, so there was no need to cancel school. Some parts of the area lost power, while the lucky ones got to spend some nice days off from work in a warm home during the Christmas holiday.

"I called off work, because I couldn't get out of my driveway," Nick Moniak explained. "I watched the movie, ALIVE. I thought it was appropriate." That wasn't an unusual day. Many students had a lack of options as far as going out of the house.

"I had some friends with snowmobiles," Christy Haduch said. "They came and picked me up, so I was never home."

This was nothing like the Blizzard of '98. That was in early March of 1998 when the town had lost power for up to a week. It was some coincidence, though, when the area received about a foot of snow exactly one year later. That was the second Blizzard of '99. It wasn't as bad as the first snowfall in January, but school was cancelled for a day.

"That day was a nice day off," Chris Mantel said. "I hadn't used my snowmobiles much during that first blizzard, so I got to catch up on some riding."

"I did the same thing," Rich Dobin added. "We didn't ride together, but I went on some long journeys into the depths of Brunswick."

It seemed that each winter got colder and more snow fell. If the trend continues, one may be advised to put a snowmobile, a generator, a wheelbarrow, and a shovel on their fall shopping list.



Like Mount Everest in the back parking lot, a huge drift towered above the juniors' cars. There was so much snow that it had to be piled in many large mounds around all of the lightpoles. Many spaces were lost, thus resulting in a huge increase in tardies

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Top 10

By Ada Anderson

ON THE FIRST DAY Christopher Parker was enrolled in Mrs. Sandy Kiechle's Reading-Writing Workshop class, he knew he wanted to write something worthy of posting on the teacher's "Author Share" bulletin board for other classes to read.

Little did he know that his writing would be destined for publication in the international magazine Stone Soup. In June, Parker sent a story he perfected in the writing workshop. His was chosen from 10,000 entries the magazine receives each year to be one of just 70 they publish.

Parker sent the story on his own initiative. He had a subscription to Stone Soup from his grandmother, so he decided to submit one of his stories. In September, a letter appeared in his mailbox telling him he'd be published.

"I thought I'd never hear from them again. It took me completely by surprise," he said.

Parker's story was perfected because of the nature of the class. Students have two days each week to write, rewrite, proofread, and edit their stories. They are given choices about what they want to write about, including the option to revise a piece written when they were younger.

Parker decided to redevelop a story he wrote in sixth grade. "It is a realistic drama of the day-to-day events of the life of an American soldier during World War II, and to describe some hardships that you would face.

Mrs. Kiechle constantly encourages her students to submit their work for publication because, otherwise, she said she feels as though they are writing only for her. She also said she is impressed with the writing students turn in, and doesn't want talent to go to waste. Parker simply took her advice.

"We're trying to show students that we value writing by giving them time in class to write, and by giving them real writing experiences," Mrs. Kiechle explained.

"Trying to show them that they have a voice, and that their voice can be heard. Chris is a trail blazer. He's showing other students that you can be heard."

Other Hanover students have been published, but a majority of them were in high school and the stories appeared in local newspapers.

Parker managed to show other junior high students that being published isn't something that only high school students can do.

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By Scott Klein

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4. Ricky Martin: *Ricky Martin*
5. Various Artists: *Now 2*
6. Soundtrack: *Runaway Bride*
7. Kid Rock: *Devil Without A Cause*
8. Various Artists: *Violator The Album*
9. Smash Mouth: *Astro Lounge*
10. Santana: *Supernatural*
11. Red Hot Chili Peppers: *Californication*
12. Destiny's Child: *The Writing's On The Wall*
13. Sarah McLachlan: *Mirrorball*
14. Shania Twain: *Come On Over*
15. Juvenile: *400 Degreez*
16. Hot Boys: *Guerilla Warfare*
17. 98 Degrees: *98 Degrees and Rising*
18. Memphis Bleek: *Coming Of Age*
19. Blink 182: *Enema Of The State*
20. TLC: *Fanmail*

Top 20 Albums five years earlier, same day, 1994

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2. Soundtrack: *Forrest Gump*
3. Ace Of Base: *The Sign*
4. Stone Temple Pilots: *Purple*
5. Warren G: *Regulate...G Funk Era*
6. Counting Crows: *August and Everything After*
7. Candlebox: *Candlebox*
8. Green Day: *Dookie*
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10. Soundgarden: *Superunknown*
11. The Offspring: *Smash*
12. Tim McGraw: *Not A Moment Too Soon*
13. All 4 One: *All 4 One*
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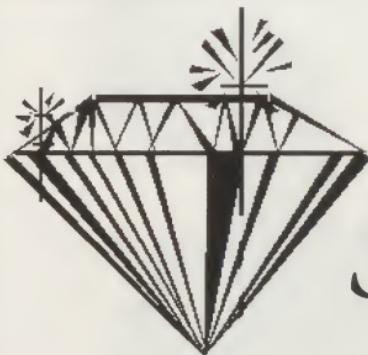
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Grinding to the music, seniors Traci Spender and Kyle Dill attend the last fun night of the school year. This was the second year PTSO sponsored the monthly events.

Challenged to

function with her entire upper body "paralyzed," junior Jackie Andrews has to pick up a pen from the ground with her feet and try to get it in her lap. The Disability Fair demonstration provided a link to understanding how people with disabilities lead their lives.

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Yet again, and within a year's time, a big snowstorm hit, but people were prepared for this storm during March of '99, as well as the blizzard that hit at New Years. Mounds of snow were piled high around the parking lot nearly everyday to give students who drove to school a place to park.

WHILE IT WASN'T OBVIOUS THAT

connecting to the Internet was just like starting school, the comparison certainly could be made. In order to go online, one connected through their server. Similarly, to go to school, one signed up each year. Once inside, there was lots of browsing to do, along with the inevitable crashes, hangs, and viruses.

"When I was asked if I looked at school and the Internet as a comparison, it didn't dawn on me that they are very similar," junior Chip Baacke said.

If it wasn't very noticeable that school and the Internet were similar, you could look at it from a different point of view. It wasn't something that just clicked when viewed. It had to be studied. It had to be surfed. Upgrades were a challenge.

"I just got the Internet for my college English class I was taking, but I later took the time to broaden my horizons for going online. I've realized that the Internet is a great way to find information for a lot of my reports I had to do," junior Tony Kretz commented.

You could make the same claim about disconnecting as well. Signing off from the Internet and the virtual world was just the same as disconnecting from school when we walked out into the real world. And, of course, that meant it was time to power-down and unplug.

Shedding his blood
for the good of the
track team, a sports
trainer plugs up a
gash on senior Josh
Canarini's knee after
a mishap while
going over a hurdle.



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During the girls' PCC softball tourney championship game, principal Joseph Fetty sports a special "Teletubby Crown." Parents of team members also wore the crown as a good luck symbol when their daughters came up to bat. It worked, as the Lady Wildcats won the game against Wheeler, 3-0.

Unplugged and practicing for his retirement, Spanish teacher Jack Granger packed his bags after 34 years of teaching and moved to Kentucky. Mr Granger said he plans to spend as much time with his wife as he can. His student teacher, Steve Gustas, was hired to take his place.



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